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No. 1.—REWAH PLATES OF THE TIME OF TRAILOKYAMALLADEVA: [KALA-CHURI] YEAR 963.

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This set of two copper-plates was found in 1929 at Dhureti, a village about 7 miles from the Rewah town, by a cultivator while ploughing his field, and is now preserved in the Treasury at Rewah. During my visit to Rewah early in 1936. I came to know of this find and later in the same year the Political Minister of the State very kindly sent me the plates for examination and taking impressions. The record has already been noticed by me in the Annual Report, Archaeological Survey of India, 1935-36, pp. 90-91 and I am now editing it in the Epigraphia Indica with the kind permission of the Rewah Darbar.

The plates measure  $15\frac{5}{8}'' \times 10\frac{3}{2}''$  each and are strung together by means of a ring, passing through a hole pierced about the middle of each plate. They are inscribed on one side only, the obverse of the first and the reverse of the second plate being left blank. They have highly raised rims which have protected the writing beautifully. There is a **seal** attached to the ring, bearing at the top the figure of Gaja-Lakshmī in relief, rather crudely executed. Below the figure is a **legend** in one line which reads Srimat-Trailōkyamalla. When the plates were received by me the ring was found already cut but there can be no doubt that both the ring and the seal belong to the plates under discussion. The seal measures  $6\frac{3}{4}'' \times 4\frac{1}{4}''$  and the plates including the ring and the seal weigh 419 tolas.

Each plate has 11 lines of writing, the letters being approximately \( \frac{1}{2} \) in height. The engraver appears to have left too much margin between the lines in the second plate and had to engrave the last two lines in slightly smaller characters so that the record could be completed in this face of the plate. The engraving was done rather carelessly. Some of the letters are ill formed and while syllables have been dropped in many places, only in two cases the missing letters have been supplied at the top of the line concerned. The characters are Nagarī, the language being Sanskrit. The whole record with the exception of three verses in Il. 1-5 is in prose. Several mistakes in grammar and syntax show that though the record was composed by two Pandits, neither of them was a proficient scholar in Sanskrit. The script does not call for any special remarks but attention may be drawn to the following minor points. The anusvāra has sometimes been represented by a circle above the syllable to which it belongs, e.g., simha (l. 8), Šrīchamda (l. 9), pamdita (l. 11). etc.. and sometimes it has been written in an ornamental way, e.g., ōm (l. 1), mainti, maindalaka (l. 8). śaindhio (l. 8), etc. In writing ś sometimes a cross bar has been used joining the two limbs of the letter thus making it look like s, cf. Śivāya (l. 1), śaranyah (l. 4), śrī-Malayasinha (l. 8). Śaiv-āchāry° (l. 11), etc. Due to shabbiness in writing it is sometimes hard to distinguish between r and ch. For the same reason pra in pravarddhamāna and thu in Jyēshtha (1.7) look like vra and va respectively. As

regards orthography the following points may be noted: (1) The same sign has been used for writing v and b, e.g., Kanyakuvjo (1. 6). (2) While consonants in conjunction with a subscript r have never been doubled, those joined with a superscript r have sometimes been doubled and sometimes left single, e.g., sarvva- (ll. 4, 5, etc.), pravarddhamāna (l. 7), chakravartti- (l. 11), Durvvāsā (l. 12), etc., as against samarthō (l. 3), Chaturmukha (l. 4), dharmā (l. 9), kārya (l. 19), etc. (3) Anusvāra has invariably been used in place of the nasal of the same class, e.g., namdanō (1. 1), kōmal-āmgō (1.2), Nīlakamtha (11.2-3), -āmbhōja (1.4), etc. (4) Rēpha has been wrongly dropped in Tipura (1. 3) and visarga in Nīlakamtha (1l. 2-3), tapa, kuśala (1. 11), Sēvarāja (l. 14), etc. (5) While s and s cannot always be distinguished for reasons stated above, ś has been definitely used for s in hamśa (l. 4), śamdhio (l. 8), =āśvāśa (l. 17) and vice versa in Sēvarāja (l. 14) if it stands for Śivarāja. (6) Sandhi has not been observed in many places, sometimes not even between members forming a compound, e.g., ora-asvapati (l. 5), Vāhada-arthalēkhī- (Il. 8-9) and wrong sandhi is found in -sutō Sāmtao (l. 13). In 1. 13 though honorific plural has been used in Sāmtaśira-charaṇāh, all the qualifying epithets have been left in singular. The genitive in Dharekasya (l. 14), however, has been correctly used, as this person was not the recipient of a permanent gift. The term vittava(ba)mdha (ll. 13, 19) which I have taken in the sense of 'mortgage, or pledge for money received' is of lexicographic interest. All the errors occurring in the record have been corrected either in the body of the text or in the footnotes accompanying it.

The inscription opens with the sacred syllable  $\bar{o}\dot{m}$  and obeisance to Siva and Gaṇapati which are followed by three invocatory verses. The first two of these verses are in praise of Kṛishṇa and Siva respectively and the third is a quotation of the verse found at the commencement of Daṇḍin's  $K\bar{a}vy\bar{u}dar\dot{s}a$ . A similar instance is found in the Rewah Plates of the Mahārāṇaka Kumārapāla (V. S. 1297) and the Mahārāṇaka Harirājadēva (V. S. 1298)² where the last of the three introductory verses is taken from the introduction to Bāṇa's  $K\bar{u}dambar\bar{\iota}$ .

The record (ll. 5-7) refers itself to 'the prosperous, auspicious and victorious reign of the illustrious Trailōkyamalladēva, who was endowed with all the royal titles commencing with Paramabhatṭāraka (i.e., Paramabhatṭāraka-Mahārājādhirāja-Paramēśvara), who was a devout worshipper of Mahēśvara (Śiva), who was the lord over three rājas (viz.), the lord of horses, the lord of elephants and the lord of men, who was a veritable Vāchaspati in the investigation of the various (branches of) knowledge, who meditated on the feet of the illustrious Vāmadēva, (and) who was the lord of Kanyakubja'. In l. 12 he is also called triśatī-rājy-ādhipati, an epithet not met with elsewhere.

The date of the record is given in 1. 7 as Samma(va)t 963 Jyēshṭha-śudi 7 Sōmē dinam-(nē), i.e., on Monday the 7th day of the light half of the month of Jyēshṭha in the year 963, which must be referred to the Kalachuri era. The date is, however, irregular, unless Sōmē is an error for Saumyē in which case it would regularly correspond to Wednesday, the 9th May A.D. 1212.

Lines 7-9 mention some of the officers of the king and the offices they held. Malayasimha who bears the titles Mahāmahattaka and Mamdalika was the minister (mantrin) of the king. The other officers mentioned are: Thakkura Haripāla, the Sandhivigrahīka or the minister of Foreign Affairs, Vāhaḍa, the city-prefect (Kōṭṭapāla) and Srīchamda, who was a merchant (śrēshṭhin), the writer of deeds (arthalēkhin). The last three among others appear to have been the members of the pamchakula and the dharmādhikarana.

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Tattvabodhini on the rule Karmanā yam=abhipraiti sa sampradānam (Pāṇini, 1-4-32): dānam ch=āpunar-grahanāya sva-svatva-nivritti-pūrvakam para-watv-ölpādanum.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Ind. Ant., Vol. XVII, pp. 231 ff. and 235 ff. For another inscription where the benedictory stanza of Kalidasa's Śakuntalā is cited as an introductory verse, see above, Vol. XI, p. 65.

The record is interesting in that it is not the usual land-grant but is a vitta-bandha or 'deed of mortgage '1 for the village Alīrā, situated in the Dhovahatta-pattana of the Dhanavāhipattalā. The village was pledged by the Śaiva teacher Śāntaśiva, son of the royal preceptor (rājaguru) Vimalaśiva, to the Rāṇaka Dharēka, but no mention is made of the actual amount of money that was taken as loan. The mortgagee, who belonged to the Vatsa-gotra, was a son of Sēvarāja (Sivarāja) and grandson of Rāsala. The document is said to have been issued from a camp in a certain auspicious place, apparently in the city of Dhōvahatta (ll. 10-14). The deed was executed by Nādaśiva, another son of Vimalaśiva, on the authorisation of his elder brother Santasiva (ll. 15-18). The mortgagee was given all the rights of collecting taxes. As far as it can be made out from l. 19, the meaning of which is not quite clear. he also appears to have been given the right of holding the village in pledge as long as he wished, probably meaning thereby till all the dues were cleared. There were seven witnesses to the deed, viz., the Pattakila Madanē, Šīlē, Ţhākur Sūpaṭa, Ṭhākur Gāmgē, Raṇadhavala, Gamgadēva and Kavita (? ll. 19-20). It appears from the use of punctuation marks in lines 20-21 that Thakur Göllana, probably an additional witness, was also authorised to take possession, evidently on behalf of the mortgagee. The document was drawn up by the Pandits Viśvēśvara and Gamgādhara and engraved by Sīruka. As it is not a land-grant, it naturally does not contain any imprecatory and benedictory verses at the end.

In connection with the identification of Trailōkyamalla mentioned in the present record we may observe that most of the birndas used by this ruler were used by the Kalachuri rulers. of Tripuri and also by the Gahadavala rulers of Kanauj. But though places in the neighbourhood of Rewah were within the Kalachuri territory we do not know of any Kalachuri ruler of this name. I would therefore identify this Trailokyamalla with the homonymous ruler mentioned in the Rewah Plates of Harirāja of V. S. 1298.2 Cunningham and Kielhorn have already suggested that he is no other than the Chandella ruler Trailokyavarman for whom we have records dating from V. S. 1261 to 1298 (A.D. 1205-1241). But while Trailōkyavarman, like his predecessors, calls himself Kālañjarādhipati in both the sets of Garrah plates of V. S. 12613 and Trikalingādhipati in the Rewah plates of the Mahārāṇaka Kumārapāla dated V. S. 1297,4 he is called Kanyakubjādhi pati in the present inscription, a title used by the Gāhaḍavāla rulers of Kanauj. Though this last-mentioned title is not found in any other Chandella record, it is not unlikely that with the decline of the Gahadavala power, Trailokyamalla assumed this title, as he did also the title of Trikalingadhipati borne by the Kalachuris of Pahala. Many years ago a hoard of 48 silver coins of the Chandella Madanavarman was found at Panwar in the Teonthar Tahsil of the Rewah State.<sup>5</sup> This find tends to show, as has been already suggested by Dr. H. C. Rays, that even in the time of this ruler the Chandella power penetrated into Baghelkhand, north of the Kaimur range. But that the country around Rewah still continued to be under the Kalachuris for several decades is certain. We have two inscriptions of the Kalachuri Vijayasiniha's time to support this view. The first is the Rewah plate of Salakshanavarman, the chief of Kakarēdi (modern Kakreri on the border of Rewah and Panna States) and still a feudatory of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For a deed of mortgage engraved on brick which was found in a village near Jaunpur, see J. A. S. B., Vol. XIX, pp. 454-56. It is dated Samvat 1273 Ashādha-śudi 6 Ravau (=Sunday, 11th June, A.D. 1217) and records the loan of 2,250 drammas on the pledge of certain fields.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Ind. Ant., Vol. XVII, pp. 235 f.

<sup>3</sup> Above, Vol. XVI, pp. 274 ff.

<sup>4</sup> Ind. Ant., Vol. XVII, pp. 231 ff.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See J. P. A. S. B., Vol. X (1914), pp. 199 f.

<sup>6</sup> See his Dynastic History of Northern India, Vol. I, pp. 727 f.

Vijayasinha in V. S. 1253 (A.D. 1195), the date of the record, and the second, the Rewah inscription of Malayasinha<sup>2</sup> dated K. 944 (A.D. 1192-93). Verse 24 of the latter record seems to show that already before K. 944. Salakshana had tried to throw off the yoke of subordination of these rulers, probably by joining hands with the Chandellas, an attempt in which he was not apparently successful. I have noticed elsewhere a damaged inscription of the reign of Vijayasimha, the date on which seems to read (Chēdi year) 962. Unfortunately the provenance of this record, which was issued from Tripurī, is not known. But as it is now deposited in the Rewah Treasury, it is likely that it did not come from a place far from the Rewah town. If that is so, it is clear that the Kalachuris were still holding sway in this part of Bāghelkhand in K. 962. The record under consideration, however, shows that in K. 963, i.e., only a year later, their territory contiguous to the Rewah town had passed under the Chandellas.

In the inscription of Vijayasimha of K. 962 referred to above, we find the name of one Mandalika Malayasinha mentioned among the officers of this ruler. The Rewah inscription of K. 944 also mentions a Samanta Malayasimha who was responsible for the excavation of a tank and also for the setting up of the record in the reign of the very same Kalachuri ruler. Now there is nothing against our taking Malayasinha mentioned in these two records as identical. It is quite likely that Malayasimha, whose ancestors were connected with the Kalachuri rulers as officers for several generations, was himself appointed an officer by Vijayasinha sometime between K. 944 and K. 962. But what is surprising is that the record under consideration also not only mentions a Malayasınına bearing the titles Mahāmahattaka and Mandalika but in addition calls him a mantrin or minister of the ruling king, viz., Trailokyamalla. As this inscription is later than the inscription of K. 962 by one year only, there is little doubt that Malayasınha mentioned in all the three inscriptions is one and the same person. If this view is correct, then we have to admit that one of the chief officers of Vijayasimha not only transferred his allegiance to the conquering ruler but was also appointed a minister under him. It is reasonable to assume that he had to accept the Chandella suzerainty to save himself and his estate. We have a parallel instance in the history of the chiefs of Karkaredi. We know from his Rewah plate that in V. S. 1253 Salakshanavarman was still a feudatory of the Kalachuri Vijayasiiiha. But in the Rewah plates of Harirāja (V. S. 1298) and his son Kumārapāla (V. S. 1297) we find these chiefs owing allegiance to the Chandella ruler Trailokyavarman. But what is puzzling in the present record is the appointment of Malayasinha as a minister by the Chandella ruler. It may be that he helped the latter in his cause in some way or other or it may be that on account of his experience in local administration his services were utilized in the newly conquered territory on his accepting the Chandella supremacy.

In conclusion it would not be out of place to say a few words about the Saiva teachers mentioned in the record. As I have already pointed out Vimalasiva mentioned in the record is no other than the Rājaguru Vimalasiva of the Jubbulpore Kotwali Plates of Jayasimhadēva of K. 918.<sup>5</sup> Though the name is not found elsewhere it is probable that he belonged to the line of the ascetics of the Mattamayūra clan who were held in great reverence by the Kalachuri rulers of Tripurī. We know from the present record that Vimalasiva had two sons, the elder being Śāntaśiva and the younger Nādasiva. The epithets applied to the latter two teachers show that they, like their father, were also held in high estimation. Šāntaśiva is said to be the incarnation of the

<sup>1</sup> Ind. Ant., Vol. XVII, pp. 228 ff.

<sup>3</sup> See An. Rep. A. S. I., 1935-36, pp. 89-90.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Above, Vol. XXI, pp. 93 ff.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Above, Vol. XIX, pp. 296 ff.

<sup>4</sup> An. Rep. A. S. I., 1935-36, p. 91.



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sage Durvāsas in the Kali age. The interpretation of another phrase used in connection with him is rather puzzling. It is trisatī-rāry-ādhi pati-śrīmat-Trailōkyamalla-pād-ārchchana-ratah (1. 12). Probably this has to be translated as 'whose feet were devotedly worshipped by the illustrious Trailōkyamalla, the lord of the kingdom (consisting) of three hundred.' If that is so, it is reasonable to conclude that this teacher was getting some patronage from the new ruler as well, who also calls himself a Paramamāhēśvara. It is not clear under the circumstances why he should have to alienate what was apparently one of the gifts these teachers received from the Kalachuri rulers. Probably the Chandella conquest was very recent and as such these teachers did not get the same patronage as was hitberto extended to them by their former patrons and as a result they had to mortgage one of their gift villages to raise funds. A somewhat similar instance is provided by the Bengal Asiatic Society's Plates of the Gahadavala Govindachandra which record that in V. S. 1177 (A.D. 1120), in presence of this ruler, the village of Karanda in the Antarāla-*pattalā* which was originally given to the Rājaguru-Šaivāchārya-Bhatṭāraka Rudrašiva by (the Kalachuri ruler) Yasahkarna was transferred to Thakkura Vasishthasarman. Dr. F. W. Hall, who edited this record, suggested that the village which changed hands lay in the country conquered by Gövindachandra from Yasahkarna.

Of the **localities** mentioned in the record **Dhōvahaṭṭa** which was a pattura at the time is identical with the village of Dhureti where the plates were found. The other localities mentioned in the record, riz., Dhanavāhi- $pattal\bar{a}$  and the village  $Al\bar{a}$ , I am unable to identify.

#### TEXT.2

#### First Plate.

- 2 yatu jayatu mēgha-syāmala[ḥ\*] komal-āmgō jayatu jayatu prithvī-[bhā]ra-nāšō(śī) Mu-kundaḥ [ [1,\*]4 Avatu sakala-lōkān=Nî-
- 3 lakamṭha[ḥ\*] Smarāris ¡Ti(Trī)pura-dahana-samarthō mūrhni(rddhni) bhāsva-[ch\*]-chhaśāmkaḥ [\* Tuhinagiri-sutāyā vallabhaḥ Śūlapāṇih \*
- 4 sakala-jana-śaraṇyaḥ sarvva-lök-aika-nāthaḥ [2.\*]4 Chaturmukha-mukh-āmbhōja-vana-hamśa(sa)-vadhūr=mama [;\*] mānasē ramatām ni-
- 5 tyanı sarvva-suklā Sa[ra\*]svatī † [3,\*]6 Paramabhaṭṭāraka(k-ē)ty-ādi-samasta-rājāvali²-virājamāna-Paramamāhē[śva\*]ra-aśvapati²-gajapati-
- 6 narapati-rājatray-ādhipati-vividha-vidyā-vichāra- Vāchaspati-śrī Vāmadēva-pād-ānudhyātā- (ta)-Kanyakuvj(bj)-ādhipati-mahī-
- 7 [pra]varddhamāna-kalyāņa-vijaya-rājyē śrimat-Trailyō(lō)kyamalladēva-rājyē Sam-ma(va)t 963 Jyēshṭha śudi 7 Sōmē dinam(nē) mahā-
- 8 mahanna(tta)ka-mamti(mantri)-mamdala(li)ka-śrī-Malayasimha-vyāpriyamānē śam(sam)-dhi[vi\*]grahīka-ṭhakkura-Haripāla-kōṭṭapāla-Vāhada-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> J. A. S. B., Vol. XXXI (1862), pp. 123 f.

<sup>\*</sup> From impressions and the original plates.

<sup>3</sup> Danda unnecessary.

<sup>4</sup> Metre: Mālinī.

<sup>\*</sup> There is an excess of a mātrā in the second pāda. Read -dahana-śaktā mārdhni, etc.

<sup>•</sup> Metre: Anushtubh.

<sup>7</sup> The letter va which was at first omitted is written above the line between ia and k.

<sup>\*</sup> Read or-asvapati- .

- 9 arthalēkhī<sup>1</sup>-Śrī[cha]mda-śrēṭhi<sup>2</sup>-yathāvarttamāna-samasta-vaṇig-jana-vyavṛihi(vyavahri)-yamān<sup>3</sup>a-pamchakula-dharmādhikaraṇa-chimtāyām
- 10 **Dhōvahaṭṭa**-pattanē **Dhanavāhi**-pattalāyām yatra kva[cha]na-śubha-pradēśa-samāvāsita-katakāta(t) yama-nivama-svādhyāya-
- 11 dhyān-ānushṭhāna-tapa[ś\*]-chakravartti-pamdita-chakra-chūdāmaṇi-śaiv-ā[ch]āry-ādhipati-sarvva-vidvā-kuśala[ḥ\*] Ka-

#### Second Plate.

- 12 lau Durvvāsā(ō)-vatāraḥ(ras)=triśati(ī)-rājy-ādhipati-śrīmat-Trailōkymalla-pād-a(ā)rehchana-rataḥ dhyānam kurvvāṇō(ṇa)
- 13 ēk-āgra-chittatayā bhaṭṭāraka-śrīmad-rājaguru-Vimalaśiva-sutō(taś=) Śāmtaśiva-charaṇāḥ Vatsa-gōtr-ānvayē vita(tta)-vam(bam)dha-
- 14 [sva]rūpatayā tha Rāsala-suta-Sē(Śi)varāja[s\*]=tat-suta-Rāṇaka-śrīmad-[Dha]rēkasya Alīra4-grāmasva bhāga-bhōga-pravaṇi-
- 15 kara-sarvv-ādāya-sahitam yāvadhiraṇasya<sup>5</sup> dattam=iti gūruṇām<sup>6</sup>=anujñyām(jñām) prāpya yam-ādi-guṇ-ōpēta[s\*]=samasta-
- 16 prakriy-ānvita[s\*]=tri-kāla-snāna-dēv-ārchchana-rataḥ agni-pūjā-rataś=[cha] sarvva-bhūta-davā-parah sarvvēshām vamdi-janā-
- 17 nām=ādhārabhūtaḥ jamtūnām=āśvāśa(sa)-bhūmi[ḥ\*] sarvvāsu kalāsu chaturaḥ [;\*
  śastra-śāstra-viśāradaḥ bhaṭṭa(ṭṭā)raka-śrīma-
- 18 d-rājaguru-Vimalašiva-sutah Šāmtašiv-ānujō Nādašiva[s=tē\*]na paṭṭasya [ha]rsha-rūpatavā vāva[d\*]=dīyatē tāvad=avā-
- 19 pitam<sup>8</sup>=iti [:|\*] Vitta-vam(bam)dhatayā kimchi|t\*]-kārya-kāranitāpi vā<sup>9</sup> Rāṇa-śrīmad-[Dha]-rēkasya vāvad<sup>10</sup>=i[ch\*]chhā pratipadyatē Atr-ā-
- 20 r[th]ē sākshiṇaḥ | Paṭa(ṭṭa)kila-Madanē tathā Sīlē tathā ṭha Sūpaṭa ṭha Gāṅigē vi¹¹ Raṇadhaula¹² vi¹¹ Gāṅigadēva pa[ṭṭa] vi Ka[vi]ta , Tha Gōlla-
- 21 na iti kritvā pravi[shṭē] sati gri(gra)hītavyam i šubham bhavatu lēkhaka-pāṭhakayōḥ || Svalpa-vudhyā<sup>18</sup> mamda-matir=aham ya[t\*]=tu vālyāti-
- 22 mu[dgī]ritam¹⁴ [\*] śuddham=aśuddham vā pam[dita\*]-Viśvēśvarēṇa likhitam=iti ||¹⁵ pam Gamgādharēṇa cha [|\*] utakīritam(utkīrṇam) Śīrukēna(na) || ||¹⁵
  - <sup>1</sup> Read Vāhad-ārthalēkhi-. There is a superfluous medial ē sign at the top of a in artha.
  - 2 Read Śrīchandra-śrēshthi-.
  - 3 The anusvara meant for pa has been wrongly placed on na.
  - 4 It seems that law was first engraved which was then corrected into li.
  - <sup>5</sup> Read yāvad=dhiranyum?
  - 6 Read gurūnām=.
  - 7 Dandas unnecessary.
  - Read =avāptam=.
  - Read -kâranato=pi vā.
- $^{*0}$  Va is written at the top of the line, above  $y\bar{a}$ . If we read yad-ichchhā, then Villa etc. will form a stance in the Anushtubh metre.
- <sup>11</sup> I am unable to state what the abbreviation vi stands for. In the grant of Mahārāṇaka Harirājadēva it stands for visuā. But in the latter record as this term is always followed by certain figures, it apparently indicates shares in the donated property. See *Ind. Ant.*, Vol. XVII, p. 231 and n. 62.
  - 12 I.e., Ranadhavala.
  - 13 Read -buddhya or -buddhir=.
  - 14 The intended reading may be balyat=kim=udgiritam.
  - 15 This portion appears to be in Aryagiti though the metre is faulty.
  - 16 There is an ornamental mark between these two sets of dandas.

#### No. 2.—RAMTEK STONE INSCRIPTION OF THE TIME OF RAMACHANDRA.

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Rāmṭēk is the head-quarters of a tahsil of the same name in the Nagpur District of the Central Provinces. It is situated 28 miles North by East of Nagpur and derives its name from the temple · of Rāma on a hill close to the town. The place is regarded as very holy on account of a number of temples and tirthas on the hill and in its vicinity. A fair is held in the month of Kārttika, which attracts thousands of people from even far-off places. The sanctity of the place can be traced back to the fourth century A.D. at least; for the Riddhapur plates, which were issued from the foot-prints of the Lord of Rāmagiri¹ (modern Rāmṭēk), record a grant of the Vākāṭaka dowager queen Prabhavatigupta on the twelfth tithe of the bright fortnight of Karttika. Kalidasa also mentions in his Meghadata that the hill was marked with the foot-prints of Rama2. These 16ferences indicate that the shrine at Rāmagiri at first contained only the foot-prints of Rāma. Later on the images of Rama and Sita appear to have been installed there and another temple dedicated to Lakshmana was built. This is probably the reason why the temple of Lakshmana is at present situated in front of that of Rāma and Sītā. The present images of these deities are said to have been found in the Dudhālā tank at Rāmṭēk³ and were substituted some years ago for the earlier ones which had been mutilated. These temples are surrounded by a number of smaller shrines. They are situated in the innermost of three enclosures on the hill and none but caste Hindus get access to them.

The present inscription is incised on a large slab let into the wall on the right hand side of the door of the quibhagriha in the temple of Lakshmana. It was first referred to by General Cunningham's Assistant Beglar, who visited Rāmtēk in 1873-74. He was not admitted to the innermost court-yard of the temple, but he got the inscription copied by his Hindu servant and noticed in it the name of Rāmadēva.5 He could not, however, offer any conjecture about the identification of this Rāmadēva. Subsequently from a faint rubbing of it supplied by Dr. Fleet, Prof. Kielhorn first noticed in it the names of Simhana and Rāmachandra whom he identified with the homonymous princes of the Raipur branch of the Haihaya dynasty. mentioned in the Khalāri and Raipur stone inscriptions. In 1904-05 Mr. Cousens visited the place, but he too was not admitted inside, and was therefore unable to give any account of the contents of the inscription. Finally Rai Bahadur Hiralal briefly noticed the inscription in his Inscriptions in the C. P. and Berars and identified many of the tirthas mentioned in it in an informative article entitled 'A visit to Ramtek', published in the Indian Antiquary, Vol. XXXVII, pp. 202-08. Though referred to or noticed several times the inscription has remained unedited so far. In the absence of a reliable edition it has given rise to some misconceptions about its historical con-We have, therefore, edited it here from the original stone which we could examine several times during our visits to Rāmţēk.

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  नामगिरिस्वामिन> पादमुलाइ $^{-}$  J. P. A. S. B., Vol. XX, p. <math>58.

२ वन्दो: पंसा रहपतिपदैरिक्कतं मेखलासु । (Verse 12.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Ind. Ant., Vol. XXXVII (1908), pp. 207 ff.

<sup>4</sup> Cunningham's A. S. R., Vol. VII, p. 112.

<sup>5</sup> This occurs in lines 54 and 61 but there it denotes the deity Rāma.

<sup>6</sup> Above, Vol. II, p. 230.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> P. R. A. S., Western Circle, for 1904-05, p. 41, para. 125.

<sup>\*</sup> First Edition (1916), pp. 3 f.: Second Edition (1932), p. 3.

As stated above, the record is inscribed on a stone fixed in the front wall of the garbhagriha in the temple of Lakshmana. It now contains 75 lines of writing covering a space 2' 9" broad and 3' 3" high, but a few lines may have been lost at the top. The extant portion falls into two parts, separated by some ornamental figures in lines 31 and 32, the first part comprising ll. 1-31 and the second ll. 31-75. As the surface of the stone has flaked off in several places the record has suffered very much, especially in its upper and lower portions and on the left hand side. The loss of the upper portion is very much to be regretted; since, judging from the fragments still extant, it seems to have contained a description of the exploits of the reigning king and his ancestors.

The characters belong to the Nāgarī alphabet of about the thirteenth century A.D. The language is Sanskrit. As regards orthography, we find that the vowel ri is in some places wrongly written for ri, see tribhuvana 1. 31; v is throughout used for b, see  $v\bar{a}la$  for  $b\bar{a}la$  1. 26; sh is employed for kh and vice versá, see e.g., vishaudita 1. 13 and  $namaskarikhy\bar{e}$  1. 54; the visarga before k and p is changed to sh, see  $tushtuvush=kalp-\bar{a}nt\bar{e}$  1. 47 and  $nripash=Painktirath\bar{o}$  1. 48, etc. The sign of avagraha is also noticed in some places.

The first four lines of the inscription are too much mutilated to yield any coherent sense. The fifth line contains the words Yādavō ramsah and Yadu-ramsajah evidently indicating that the reigning king called himself Yadava and traced his descent from the legendary hero Yadu. The exploits of some king of this family are next described, but the only names of his adversaries that can be made out are Rudra in l. 7, the lord of the Andhras and Choda in l. 8 and possibly the lord of the Gurjaras in l. 9. The syllables Jaitra which occur at the end of l. 9 probably denote some name like Jaitrapala. The name of the king Sirihana occurs in 1. 15 in the course of the description of his successor, who is said to have made the Earth forget her grief on account of separation from the illustrious king Sinihana. This name seems to have occurred at the beginning of 1. 13 also, but the first two aksharas of it have now been broken away. Line 16 mentions the genealogy of a person named Śrī-Rāghava. He was a descendant of one Vāyināyaka. From l. 17 we learn that the king, the illustrious Rāmachandra, bestowed on him (i.e., Rāghava) fortune which appeared lovely owing to the prosperity of his empire and himself enjoyed the company of ladies skilled in all arts. This means that the king entrusted the government of his kingdom to him and being free from care gave himself up to the enjoyment of pleasures. This Rāghava is probably referred to again in ll. 18 and 21 as Sayyāpāla (guardian of the royal bed-chamber). His wife Rājāyī is mentioned in l. 19. Once upon a time Rāghava asked his preceptor how he could cross the ocean of worldly existence. In answer to this the latter seems to have given a description of the hill as well as of the temples and tirthas situated on it and in its vicinity. The first part of the record seems to have described the hill and the temples on the four sides of it, viz., Ghantesvara, Sudhesvara, Kēdāra and Ānjanēya. The second part, which is better preserved, names and describes the temples and tirthas on the hill and in the town of Rāmṭēk after the manner of the tīrtha-māhātmyas. As a matter of fact many of them find mention in two Sindūragiri-māhātmyas, one of sixteen and the other of forty-five adhyāyas2. The description and topography of these temples and tirthas given in the present inscription agree with those in the māhātmyas. Some of them are again mentioned in a work of the Mahānubhāva sect3 in connection with the itinerary of Chakradhara, the founder of the sect, who lived in the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>[ Probably this sh is intended to represent the sign for both jihvāmūlīya and upadhmānīya.—Ed.]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Of these the former was published together with a Marāthī translation some years ago at Nāgpur, but the latter is still unpublished.

<sup>3</sup> An extract from this work called Sthanapothi was kindly supplied to us by our friend Mr. H. N. Nene.

time of the Yādava king Rāmachandra (13th century A.D.). Most of these temples and tīrthas can even now be identified at Rāmṭēk. The traditions about them are thus at least seven centuries old.

As stated above, Prof. Kielhorn, in his article on the Khalāri stone inscription, expressed the opinion that the kings Simhana and Ramachandra mentioned in the present inscription were identical with the princes of the same names who were respectively the grandfather and father of Haribrahmadeva, a Haihaya or Kalachuri prince who ruled in Chhattīsgarh in the beginning of the fifteenth century A.D.1 From this he concluded that the rule of the Kalachuris extended in the west as far as Nagpur. An examination of several Kalachuri dates had led him to the conclusion that the Kalachuri year commenced on the first tithi of the bright fortnight of Asvina, but he had no evidence of the actual use of the Aśvinādi year in any territory under the rule of the Kalachuris. This was subsequently furnished by the remark of Colebrooke in his Journal of Occurrences at Nagpur that the year at Nagpur commenced on the first of the bright half of Asvina.2 Kielhorn thought that this usage was reminiscent of the use of the Kalachuri era in the territory round Nagpur, which on the evidence of the Ramtek inscription he believed to have once been under the rule of the Haihayas or Kalachuris of Raipur.3 The identification of the family to which the princes Simhana and Ramachandra mentioned in the present inscription belonged is, therefore, important not only for the interpretation of the record, but also for the determination of the beginning of the Kalachuri year.

Kielhorn had no opportunity to examine the inscription in situ. He had before him only a faint rubbing of it. The characters of the inscription have become very shallow, being choked up with oily dust and white-wash. It is therefore extremely difficult to decipher the record from rubbings or inked estampages. Rai Bahadur Hiralal, who personally examined it, read the words Yādavō vamšah (1. 5), but he chose to stick to Kielhorn's view that the kings Simhana and Rāmachandra mentioned therein belonged to the Haihaya dynasty, because he thought that the Haihavas being descended from Yadu could be called Yadavas4. It is no doubt true that the Haihavas were descendants of Yadu; for their ancestor Haihaya was, according to the Purāṇas, a grandson of Sahasrajit who was himself a son of Yadu<sup>5</sup>. But the name Yādava was by usage restricted to the descendants of Kroshtri, another son of Yadus. Nowhere in their numerous inscriptions have the Haihayas or Kalachuris called themselves Yādavas. Besides, in the genealogy of the Haihayas there occurs nowhere any name like Jaitrapāla, which, as shown above, appears at the end of line 9 of the present inscription. But the most important objection to the identification of the kings Simhana and Rāmachandra with their namesakes who ruled in Chhattīsgarh is that neither these latter kings nor any of their immediate ancestors achieved any victories over Rudra, the lord of the Andhras, the Chola and the lord of the Gurjaras; for they were petty princes, whose rule did not extend much beyond the modern district of Raipur. Besides, there is no king of the name Rudra known from history as ruling in the fourteenth or fifteenth century

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> His Khalāri stone inscription is dated Vikrama Samvat 1470 (for 1471), corresponding to A.D. 1415.

<sup>2.</sup> The new year begins here with the light fortnight of Āśvina, but opening in the midst of Durgā's festival, the New Year's day is only celebrated on the 10th lunar day.' Life of H. T. Colebrooke by Sir T. E. Colebrooke, p. 163.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See his article entitled 'Die Epoche der Cēdi-Aera 'in the Festgruss an Roth (1893), pp. 53 ff.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> In the second edition of his *Inscriptions in C. P. and Berar* (p. 3) he has admitted the possibility of Simhana being a king of the Yādava dynasty.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See Harivaméa (Bombay Ed.), adhyāya 33, vv. 1-2. Compare also the Pithāpuram pillar inscription of Malli-dēva and Manma-Satya II, above, Vol. IV, p. 89.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See Pargiter, Ancient Indian Historical Tradition, p. 87.

A. D., who may have been defeated by these kings. It is therefore difficult to uphold the identification first proposed by Kielhorn.

We find, on the other hand, the names Jaitrapala, Simhana and Ramachandra in the genealogical list of the Later Yadavas of Devagiri, who flourished in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries A.D. Jaitrapala, whose name seems to have occurred at the end of line 9, is probably identical with the homonymous king who was the father of Simhans. The names of Rudra, the kings of Andhra and Chola in ll. 7-8, seem to have occurred in the course of the description of Jaitrapāla's victories; for we know from the introduction to Hēmādri's Vratakhanda<sup>1</sup> as well as from the Paithan plates2 and other Yadava grants that Jaitrapala killed the Kakatīva king Rudra. This latter king is in some places called the king of Andhra. We can therefore unhesitatingly identify the kings mentioned here with the Yadava kings of Devagiri. kıngdom of the Yadavas extended in the East as far as Lanji in the Balaghat District is known from a stone inscription of the dynasty found at Lanji which mentions the Yadava king Rāmachandra.

We know from other records that Simhana was succeeded by his grandson Krishna, but his name does not occur in the extant portion. We can, however, conjecture that he must have been described in line 15, which speaks of a king having made the earth forget its grief due to separation from Simhana. The names of Krishna's brother Mahadeva and his short-lived son Amana may have been omitted in the present record. As no successor of Rāmachandra has been mentioned here, it seems that the inscription was put up during his reign. It may, therefore, be referred to the last quarter of the thirteenth century A. D.

As the kings mentioned in the present inscription are thus proved to be of the Yadava dynasty of Devagiri and no inscriptions of the Kalachuris are found in the Marathi-speaking districts of the Central Provinces, Kielhorn's view that the Kalachuri year commenced in the month of Asvina cannot be supported by any usage current in the territory round Nagpur4.

The mutilated condition of the inscription makes it difficult to say what it was intended to record. But the fact that the genealogy of a personage named Rāghava is given in lines 16 and 17 where he is also said to have been entrusted by Ramachandra with the government of his whole empire combined with the statement in l. 63 that this Raghava felt gratified on doing something seems to show that the object of the inscription was to record some service rendered by Rāghava to the deities at Rāmṭēk-perhaps some repairs done to the temple of Lakshmana where the inscription is put up. Maideva, who is mentioned in ll. 70-71, seems to have been a local official in charge of the work.

The hill on which the main temples of Rāma and Lakshmaņa are situated is called Sindūragiri and Tapamgiris (for Tapogiri) in the present inscription. The tradition about the former

तिल्लंगाधिपते: पशीर्वंशसनं रौट्रस्य रौट्राकृत:

क्रत्वा पूक्षमेधयज्ञविधिना लब्बस्त्रिलीकीजय: ॥४१॥ See R. G. Bhandarkar's Early History of the Deccan, Appendix C.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Ind. Ant., Vol. XIV, p. 316.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Hiralal—Inscriptions, etc. (Second Ed.), p. 20. Länji is about 100 miles north by east of Nägpur. Hiralal remarks that 'some passages of this record correspond exactly to those given in the Ramtek Lakshmana temple inscription'. We have examined the Lanji inscription in the Nagpur Museum, but have failed to notice

<sup>4</sup> As a matter of fact Colebrooke was mistaken in supposing that the year commenced in Nagpur in the month of Āśvina. As shown elsewhere (above, Vol. XXIV, p. 122), the era current at Nagpur in Colebrooke's days was the so-called Salivahana or Saka era, its months were amanta and the year commenced in Chaitra and not in Asvina. For the commencement of the Kalachuri year, see above, Vol. XXIV, pp. 116 ff.

<sup>5</sup> In the larger Sindūragiri-māhātmya the name occurs in the correct form Tapōgiri,

name was apparently given in line 23 which is partly mutilated. What remains of it is, however, sufficient to show that the hill was called Sindūragiri, because it was reddened by the blood flowing from the breast of Hiranyakasipu which was torn by Narasimha with his sharp claws. There are two temples on the hill containing huge images of the man-lion incarnation of Vishnu. As conjectured by Cousens¹ the name Sindūragiri may have been originally given to the hill because of its red stones which when broken or newly dressed appear blood-red. The second name of the hill Tapamgiri (for Tapōgiri, penance-hill) which occurs in this very form in one of the Sindūragiri-māhātmyas owes its origin to the tradition that Sambūka, a Sūdra ascetic, practised penance here. He was afterwards killed by Rāma with his sword called Chandrahāsa. But, the Māhātmya says, he asked for three boons from Rāma, viz., that his mortal remains should be transformed into a linga in situ, that Rāma should live on the hill for ever and that he himself should be worshipped before Rāma. In accordance with this, pilgrims first worship the linga, now called Dhūmrēśvara, situated on the southern plateau of the hill outside the citadel, before they proceed to the temples of Rāma and Lakshmaṇa. The story of Sambūka is given in line 45 of the present record, which mentions the linga Dhūmrāksha.

The story of Śambūka occurs also in the Rāmāyaṇa of Vālmīki. It would, therefore, be interesting to see how far the topography of the place where Sambūka was practising penance suits Rāmtēk. According to the Epic the Śūdra ascetic was engaged in austerities on the bank of a large lake to the north of the mountain Saivala.2 This mountain is not mentioned anywhere else. But from the Rāmāyaņa itself we learn that a king named Danda was ruling over the territory between the Vindhya and Śaivala mountains.3 His rape of a Brāhmaṇa girl led to the devastation of the country measuring a hundred yojanas round the Saivala mountain and this country came consequently to be known by the name of the Dandaka forest. This Danda or Dandakya is called Bhōja elsewhere<sup>5</sup> and it is well known that the Bhōjas were ruling over Vidarbha. So the site of Sambūka's penance must have been situated in Vidarbha to the south of the Vindhya mountain. The Rāmāyaṇa tells us that after killing Śambūka, Rāma went in his aerial car to the hermitage of Agastya which was situated not very far from the Gödävarī,6 but it gives us no idea of the distance between the site of Sambūka's penance and the hermitage of Agastya. Still the description in the epic shows clearly that the former lay somewhere in ancient Vidarbha between the Vindhva mountain and the Godavari. The description in the Rāmāyana of the site of Sambūka's penance suits Rāmtēk where there is a large tank at the foot of the hill. As there is no hill in Vidarbha where there is such a tradition connecting it with Sambūka's penance, it would not be wrong to identify Rāmṭēk with the Saivala mountain.7

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> P. R. A. S., W. C. for 1904-05, p. 41, para. 127.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Rāmāyaṇa, Uttarakānḍa, adhyāya 75, verses 13-14.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Ibid., adhyāya 79, verse 16.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid., adhyāya 81, verse 8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See Kautilya's Arthaśāstra, adhyāya 1, prakarana 3.

<sup>8</sup> Rāmāyaņa, Uttarakānda, adhyāya 76, verses 16-20.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> The larger Sindūragiri-māhūtmya mentions Mahāsaivala as a name of the hill at Rāmtēk in addition to the two names noticed above, and explains it as being due to Siva bringing the Saivas to the hill. According to the colophon the Māhātmya has been taken from the Kaumārakhanda of the Padmapurāna; but the portion dealing with Sambūka's story seems to have been copied verbatim from the Rāmāyana of Vālmīki. We have not been able to trace the Kaumārakhanda in the printed edition of the Purāṇa. Still this description corroborates our inference that Saivala was one of the old names of the hill at Rāmtēk. For the identifications of the tūrthas mentioned here see Ind. Ant., Vol. XXXVII, pp. 202 ff.

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1 <sup>2</sup> रा <sup>3</sup> मवासु
2 पूजित स्तत्वे(चे)न
3 देवासुरोर[ग*] वचिरतो
4 ेक; सुकविसार्थपथे प्र[विष्ट:* ?] · · · · · · · · · व्यो-
स्ताप्र- · · · · · · · <sup>3</sup>
5 धुरम: ॥ ततोभूद्यादवी वंगः • • • • • • ॥ किं
वस्थेतेऽ[यं य*]दुवंश्रज:¹º
$6 \ldots \ldots$ चोश्रिपालव्कालः $^{11}$ प्रोदादैरिवीरव्र $^{12}$ $\ldots$ जंभ-
ग्र <b>मु: ॥ भ्रम्यत्कलंकविधुम<sup>°</sup> ∙ ∙ ∙ ∙ ∙ ∙ ∙ ∙ ∙</b> ∙
7 यस्वातिभीषणरकांगक · · · · · ·
कट्रको <sup>6</sup> ⋅ • ⋅ ⋅ ⋅ ⋅ ⋅ ⋅ ⋅
8
विमुंच द[र्ष] • धरानायप्रबोध <sup>17</sup>
9 ऽषि(स्ति) समूपतीनां भारिस्सि है।
[गुर्ज*१]रिन्द्र: पराष्मुखी यस्य पुरी रखेऽभूत् <sup>18</sup> हेषु महा-
महोन्द्रे जैत्र

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> From the original stone.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> From 15 to 18 aksharas are lost in the beginning of ll. 1-3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> About 25 aksharas are broken off here and in the corresponding portion of IL 1-3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> About 45 aksharas are gone at the end of ll. 1-3.

About 13 aksharas are gone in the beginning of ll. 4-6.

<sup>•</sup> Metre : Vasantatilakā.

<sup>7</sup> From 23 to 27 aksharas are lost here and in the corresponding portion of IL 5-6.

<sup>\*</sup> From 35 to 45 aksharas are lost at the end of Il. 4-7.

Metre: Anushfubh.

<sup>10</sup> Metre: Indravajrā.

<sup>11</sup> Read चीचिपाल: काल:. [See above, p. 8, n. 1.—Ed.]

<sup>12</sup> Metre : Sālinī.

<sup>18</sup> About 18 aksharas are lost in the beginning of il. 7-14.

<sup>14</sup> From 18 to 22 aksharas are broken off here and in the corresponding portion of ll. 8-14.

<sup>16</sup> Metre : Malini.

<sup>16</sup> Metre: Śárdűlavikridita.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> About 5 aksharas are lost at the end of ll. 8-14.

<sup>18</sup> Metre: Upēndravajrā.

	प्रभिन्नप्रतिभटविक <sup>1</sup> [मौक्ति*]- वया स <sup>2</sup> [क]रोत्करा <b>यां<sup>3</sup> सौंदर्य</b>
water day	नवा ११ चित्रशिवासिया वाय्य
• • •	
	खपतिरस्व <sup>4</sup> भूमिपालोऽ
<b>निइतोत्कटप्रतिभटेभकुंभ</b> इयी <sup>5</sup>	पटुद्यु <sup>(३)</sup> कमुक्ताच्छलात् ।
<b>भ</b> मु[च्च]	
12 महीर	इस्य यथसा चं[द्र]
	द्रुचामपि इठादा[धि]क्य द्रालय-
भोगभूमिरभवत्ताल	
	षदेवनामा गुणामि [॥*]
_	ादंडसुक्तैः शितकांडदंडै°विंष(ख)ग्डितारक्त 🔾 — 🔾
देहषं(खं)डैरमंडि चितिराहव	स्य <sup>9</sup> ॥
14	सा]साद्य शान्तिं परमामवाप¹ <sup>6</sup> ।
	। ग्रशाम(स) विश्वामतक्स्ततो यष्फलिप्रहि <sup>10</sup> र्याचक-
_	ांला त्र(चि)दश्
	वष्टाय रचयत्यक्षे नृत्यत्क[बंध*]
_	ा:सुधीर्वैर्वसुधा यदीयै: श्रीसिंहणची विपतेर्वियोगतार्प
जहीं <sup>13</sup> [॥] <b>प</b> <sup>1;</sup>	ı
16	[म*]होतले ॥ वायिनायक इति चमातले नि
	द्यशोभरैः । तस्रुतः सकललोकवित्रुतो न त्रुतः
	ाप्ययं राघवदेव[नामा] ।
<sup>1</sup> Metre: Mālinī. <sup>3</sup> Metre: Vasantatilakā.	Metre: Mālinī.
Metre: Prithvi.	Metre: Anushtubh.
<ul> <li>Metre : Šārdūlavikrīdita.</li> <li>Metre : Upēndravajrā.</li> </ul>	
• Read शितकांडदंडै: । विख्रास्डि.	
• Metre : Upajāti.	
10 Read य: फलेबिंह 11 Metre: Sikharini.	
12 From 20 to 24 aksharas are lost in the be	ginning of ll. 15-20.
13 The metre of this verse is irregular. The	

<sup>14</sup> From 5 to 8 aksharas are lost at the end of ll. 15-20.
15 Metre: Rathōddhatā.
16 Metre: Indravajrā.

17	•	[गु]सगीरवप्रस्थिनं श्रीरामचंद्रः प्रभुर्यं साम्त्राज्यसमृद्धिः
		सुंदररुच: पार्च विधाय श्रिय: । क्रीडोद्यानतलेऽवि(खि)सोळवलकलालीलाग्टइ-
		स्त्रोजनालाप¹
18	•	श्रीरामभूपत्वधरस्य प्रय्यापानीकृतात्मानममानसत्वं-
		(चम्) ॥ श्रीवैद्यनाथशिवपादपयोजभक्तिसंपादिताषि(खि)लमञ्चल(ख)पदाय तस्रौ।
		को के नृपा ज <sup>3</sup>
19	•	· · · · · · · · तिर्दीरं चांतिरिप प्रधानकुल जं ऋदा यथा सात्वि-
		(चि)कं(कम्) । तद्दद्रृषयति स्म यं पृ(प्रि)यतमा सौभाग्यसौंदर्थभू राजायीति गुणा-
		श्रया गुणगणाधारं धरा¹
<b>2</b> 0		दिनक्राह्मिक्रद्युतिं(तिम्) । गुरुमात्मीयमित्येष पप्रच्छ
		तदनु द्विजम् ॥ जानासि सर्वे भगवंस्ततस्वां प्रच्छामि पर्युत्सुकतामुपेत: ।
01		त्रगाधसंसारपयोधि⁵
21	•	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · <sup>6</sup> षि(स्ति)लपारदृष्ता ॥ ग्रय्यापालकुलाधीग्र निवीधेदं वची सम । संसारसागरीत्तारकारणं न इरे: परं(रम्) ॥ त्रवतारा दशाप्यस्य
		रामस्ते[षां १]
22		and and an analysis of the second sec
	•	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · वायुपुत्रयुक्तो वसत्युत्तमयोगिचिन्त्य: । मचौधरस्यास्य तर्पगिरेस्तं प्रभावमद्यंर किसुदाहरामि <sup>६</sup> ॥ विहाय मे
23		· · · · · · · · · · · · · साद्य रघूडइस्थ <sup>°</sup> ॥ प्रागच देवी
		न्हरि: सुरारिर्व्वि(र्ब्बि)भेट वच्च: करजै: शिताग्रै: । तद्रक्तपूराक्णितस्ततोऽयंं
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24		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · [गु]णकथां सौंदर्यसारै: पुनस्तद्वहरूससं
		ह(ह)हस्पतिसमोऽप्यन्यो हि जानाति कः ॥ पपौ ससुद्रं चुलुकेन यस्त
		मुनी[ग्र <sup>?</sup> ] <sup>9</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Metre: Indravajrā.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Metre: Śārdūlavikrīdita.

<sup>3</sup> Metre: Vasantatilakā.

<sup>4</sup> Metre: Anushtubh.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Metre: Upajāti.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> From 29 to 34 aksharas are gone in the beginning of Il. 21-25.

<sup>7</sup> Metre of this and the next verse: Anushtubh.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> From 9 to 11 aksharas are lost at the end of ll. 21-25.

<sup>9</sup> Metre: *Upëndravajrā*.

25	मनो सटु [रा*]मिखर इतीह कीर्त्यते ॥ श्रीरामाय मुनीश्वर: कलग्रभूर्मध्येसमं व्र(ब्र)ह्मण: श्रुत्वैतस्य गिर्र: प्र[भाव*]¹
26	ेविलोक्य सादरं जन्तुर्मुच्यते व्र- (ब्र)ह्महत्यया <sup>ः ॥</sup> गोविप्रवा(बा)लप्रमदावधादिपापौघपूर्णा त्र <sup>4</sup>
27	लयपव्वेतेंद्रे ॥ कतोपवासा इरिवासरै ये कुर्व्वेन्त राचौ रघुनन्दनाये । तर्पगिरौ <sup>6</sup> जागर[णं*] 
28	मराधिकाभै: ॥ घंटेश्वरं चैव सुधेख्वरं च केदारमीण च तथांजनेयं(यम्) । द्वारेश्वरं
29	
30	प्रभावं प्रतोतिवत्तुं न गुरु: सुराणाम-
31	
32	് ് ് ് അत्यनलां समयम[प*]भयः शंखपार्खंतिकस्थः ॥ तामम्नितीर्धप्रभवां विभूतिं ध
33	[श्र*]स्व(स्व)तीर्घे नर: स्नात्वा पूजियत्वां- वि(बि)कापतिं(तिम्) । श्रंवि(बि)कानायसदने याति भोगैकभूमितां(ताम्)³॥ श्रिष्टिगस्य वक्णतीर्घं

<sup>1</sup> Metre : Śārdūlavikrīdita.

<sup>2</sup> About 45 letters are gone at the beginning of ll. 26-31.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Metre: Anushtubh. <sup>4</sup> Metre: Indravajrā.

<sup>5</sup> About 9 letters are broken off at the end of ll. 26-29.

Read तपीगिरी Metre: Upajāti.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Read सुराचाम् । भन्यस्य.

<sup>10</sup> From 50 to 60 aksharas have been lost in the beginning of ll. 32-33.

- . . . . . ¹ 🥎 🥎 वक्लादिलोकपालैर्व्वेदितचर[चं] ॥ यत्यक्रतीर्थे ऽप्यभिषेकभाजां रिशर्चं(चम)² जायेत नरपंग-पुन्धं(खं) वानां(नाम) । तदश्वमिधादिमहामषा(खा)नामोधैर्न लभ्यं न तपोभि-
- 35 🦳 नग्रै: 🗓 ती[र्थ] नृतिंहस्य नर्थ[चि\*]दाद्यै: पु[स्थै: 🔭 समासाद्य विग्रद्वसूर्त्ते: । नरस्य लोकट(चि)तये करस्यं किमीपितं नास्ति द्रापमन्धै: ॥ म्रष्टमे च क्रस्वेचनास्त्रि तीर्घवरं नर: । निमन्त्र(ज्य) व्र(ब्र)ह्यहत्यादिस्जा हिवं व्र-
- 36 जेत्<sup>5</sup> ॥ तीर्थपंचकमिद्याचलराजे याचिलोकविदिते विदि[ता]स्थं(स्थम) । तस्रभाव-कथने न समर्थी देवसार्थगुरुरस्ति न सोऽपि ॥ लक्कीतीर्थं तेषु मुख्यं दरापा लक्सीर्न स्थानाज्यतां यत्र तूर्र्ण (र्र्णम्) । यावज्जीवं पातको द्वृतिहेतुप्रीय[हु]ष्यो (:खो)-द्रेकदारिद्यभाजां(जाम्)
- 37 निं इंसतीर्थस्य तथा प्रभाव: प्रभूतपुर्खोञ्च(क्व)लकेतनस्य । व्या[स्व्या]यते यक्त-लपानतोऽपि इंसी हृदिस्थी विमल्यवमिति ॥ श्रीचक्रतीर्थमिहमानममानमर्था गुर्वी प्रवक्तमपि कस्य नरस्य शक्ति: । यस्य स्वयं भगवता इरिगा स्वचक्रं रचार्थमुखतमक ल्पि
- 38 सुदर्भनास्थं(स्थम्) ॥ स्नात्वा धनुस्तीर्थजले धनुस प्रदाय हेमादिक्ततं स्वभक्त्या। नरो विदुरीक्षतपापराभि: श्रीमार्क्कपाण: सदनं प्रयाति ॥ तीर्थे पितृषां पिखतीर्थ-नामि स्नाला च कला पिलतर्पणादि । कोटिं पितृणां नियतः(तं) पवि-नीक्तले (लौ) ति दिव्यं हि परंपितृ-
- 39 णां(णाम) । गिररपाचां दिश्चि वाजिमेधतीर्थे समर्थेऽखिलतीर्धसार्थात । नरो समेतस्तनभवानाग्र लमेत धन्यान्<sup>8</sup> 11 या कालतो बलाइमैर्झार्मकरपंकर्जेर्नदी । सा तथास्त्र कलिपेति विश्वता संनिधी कित्रमले हरत्यलं(लम)11 ॥ सुरनदी च सुरीघ-

<sup>8</sup> Metre: Upajāti.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> About a dozen aksharas may have been lost here.

<sup>2</sup> Metre : Giti.

Read यच्च्लतीर्थे- .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Metre of this and the next verse: Upajāti.

Metre: Anushtubh.

Metre : Svagatā.

Metre : Salini.

<sup>•</sup> Metre : Vasantatilakā.

<sup>10</sup> Metre: Indravajrā.

<sup>11</sup> Metre: Rathöddhatâ.

- 40 समात्रिता निकटतीऽस्य वहत्यचलस्य सा । सुरनिकेतनभोगसमृद्धिदा सक्वदिवाच-मनादिक्ततां तृणां(णाम्)¹ ॥ कलिपासुरनद्यंतु(बु)संगादंगार्क्षजांतु(बु)नी: । संगं न गणयंत्युचैर्मनुख्य(ष्य)मुनिदेवताः² ॥ नाश्चर्यमिस्नमणिकालकुंडं तीर्थोत्तमे प्राप्य समस्त्रसिद्धी: ।
- 41 प्राप्नोति मत्ये: खलु मुक्तिरस्य प्रसादतः साऽपि न दूरसंस्था<sup>3</sup> ॥ [मा]चकुंडं समासाद्य दच्च(चि)णस्यां महीस्रतः । दुर्ज्ञभाऽपि भवेन्मोचः सुलभः प्राणिनां चणात्<sup>2</sup> ॥ श्रीरामतीर्थं यदिहास्ति तीथं साचात्मदर्थप्रथितप्रभावं(वम्) । तस्या- प्रतिप्रोड्जवपुन्य(स्थ)राशिष्कलप्रदातां दशकंधरा-
- 42 रि: ॥ एकादशीवासरवासभाजां तीर्थे श्रुभार्थे दशकंठशत्रोः । मुक्तिवैराकी करपंज-रखा करोति सेवां ग्रहसारिकेव ॥ यत्कार्त्तिके मासि नरी निमन्य(ज्जा) त्रीरामतीर्थे दशकंधरारिं(रिम्) । भक्त्या प्रपथ्यन शरीरकोशे कोटत्वमायाति तदन्त-रात्मा ॥ सक्तद्रामगयात्राइं गिराविद्य क-
- 43 रोति य: । सभन्ते पितरस्तस्य मुिक्तमत्यन्तदुर्भभां(भाम्) श्रीरामचंद्रस्य समीपतोऽस्ति सिंदूरवापो सुक्ततप्रपा सा । यस्या विश्वदेन विलोकनेन विजित्य नाकं समुपैति मुिक्तं(क्तिम्) ॥ कर्पूरवापी सुक्ततप्रवाहपूरेण पूर्णा किसु वर्ण्नीया। देवस्य सौताद्यितस्य पार्श्वे दास्यं हि यस्याः कुरुतेऽपि
- 44 मुक्तिः ॥ काशो नोज्जयिनी न चापि मथुरा नी द्वारका नो पुरी तद्वत्पृष्ध-भरं प्रयच्छित चृणां वासेन नित्यायुषा । यद्वदासरमेकमष्टिति (१)क्ततां सिंदूर-भूमीधरः श्रीरामस्य पदारविंद्युगलस्पर्शेन सर्व्वोत्तमः ॥ जगन्धंगलमाधत्ते यस्य कंभद्वयी स्नृता । गजिन्द्रवदनः
- 45 साचादत्रास्ते रामकांचया ॥ श्रास्ते धर्मीखरो नित्यं स रामस्य गिराविह । पौडितं किलना धर्मां यः कपालुरपालयत् ॥ श्रीरामचंद्रस्य करेण चंद्रहा-साहतः प्राप्य पदं पुरारः । स श्रम्बु(म्बु)कः शूद्रमुनिर्महोध्रराजिऽत्र धूम्बाच इति प्रसिद्धः ॥ पश्चन्ति सुक्तीश्वरनामधेयं शिवं शिवा-

<sup>1</sup> Metre: Drutavilambita.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Metre : Anushtubh.

<sup>3</sup> Metre: Upajāti.

<sup>4</sup> Read राश्च: फलप्रदाता .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Metre of this and the next verse: Upajāti.

<sup>•</sup> Metre: Indravajrā.

<sup>8</sup> Metre of this and next verse: Anushtubh.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Metre : Śārdūlavikrīdita.

Metre of this and the next three verses: Upajāti.

- 46 नाधिमहाचलेंद्रे । शिवव्रतस्थाः शिववासरे ये शिवत्यमायांति विवालये ते ॥
  गोपीजनानंदसमुद्रपूर्ण्चंद्रो विनिद्रोज्य(ज्ज्व)लपद्मनेषः । गोपासमूर्त्तिर्जगदेवसमूत्तिर्व्वसत्यसावव धराधरेंद्रे ॥ सतीव तेजःप्रसरप्रतप्तं जगत्समगं क्रपषा ररच ।
  योऽयं चतुर्थोऽवतरोऽच्यतस्य श्री-
- 47 मानृसिंहोपि वसत्वमुष्मिन् ॥ सप्तांभोनिधिपूरदूरिपिहितां वि(वि)भ्यहरां देष्ट्रया योऽयं भाति सरोजिनीदस्तिभो दन्तेन यहस्ययन् । यं रोमान्तरगुप्तवास- सुखिनो देवर्षयस्तुष्टुवुष्कल्पान्ते दयकंधरारिसदने सोऽचादिकोलः प्रभुः ॥ यन- न्यलभ्यामतुलां सपर्यां नित्यं
- 48 परित्यच्य महेन्द्रदत्तां(त्ताम्) । श्रीमानृपयंक्तिरथोपि पुत्रप्रीत्या वसत्यत्र गिरीन्द्रसानौ ॥ स्तौ श्रीरामचंद्रस्य गिरी कुण्यलवाविष्ठ । दक्षाते कल्पष्टचर्त्वं भक्तिभाजां जगग्र- मृ ॥ मातरीऽष्टौ महासिद्दिनामधेयोपलचिताः । अत्र तिष्ठति भक्तानामणि- माद्यष्टकप्रदाः ॥ कल्पान्ते कवली-
- 49 करोति सकलं पैलोक्यमस्पेतरज्वालाजालकरालकालवदनो यष्कालिकाकेलिभू: । सिन्दूराचलमीचणं चणमपि चीणान्यवासस्पृष्टः श्रीरामस्पृष्टया करोति भगवान्तिं वा महाभैरवः ॥ पंचास्यं चंद्रमीलिं दशभुजमुदयक्तोटिभानूप्रभासं श्रचं वचा 

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- 50 सिवरग्ररधनु:गूलष(ख)इांगइस्तं(स्तम्) । इत्पद्मे भक्तलोकाभयवरदकरं चिन्तयन्यं नरः स्थान्नैलोक्ये सिविसन्माइसित पवनजः सोऽत्र रामैकस्त्यः ॥ मालां पुष्पमयौसिव चितिमिमां वि(बि)श्रिच्छिरोभिर्विभुः श्रीरामावतरे इरे: सहचरः शंखोऽप्यशंखास्रकः । श्रास्ते सोऽ[त्र] स-
- 51 मस्तमक्तजनतातत्तस्मनीवांच्छि(छि)तं संयच्छन्ज(छ)नकाधिराजतनयानाथांतिके लच्छाणः १॥ यन्नामस्मरणात्रयाति निषि(खि)लः पापादिरुचैः चयं या विश्वेकपतिव्रताध्वनि गुरुदेवी दयैकापगा । या शापेन निनाय भस्मकणिकाभूयं न लंकापतिं कर्त्ता मे दियताऽ[स्य]

<sup>1</sup> Perhaps उन्हाज्यन् is intended here. [This reading would involve a sandhi with the preceding wordwhich would spoil the metre. I would suggest -dalam=ibhō dantēna yadvan=nayan as the intended reading.—Ed.]

<sup>\*</sup> Read स्तुष्ट्व: कल्पान्त.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Metre : Sārdūlavikrīdita.

<sup>4</sup> Read श्रीमानुष: पंक्तिरथी~

<sup>•</sup> Metre: Upajāti.

Metre of this and the following verse: Anushinh

<sup>\*</sup>Read य: कालिका-.

<sup>•</sup> Metre : Sragdharā.

Metre of this and the next verse: Sardulavikridita.

- 52 नाशमिति साप्यवास्ति रामान्तिके ॥ इहाचलेंद्रे दशकंठशवीर्व्विलोक्य मूर्ती: खतु

   मर्ल्यः । परव काले न करोति भीतिं कातास्तमः(?) संद्वितिचीरमूर्ती: 1 ॥ भक्त्या महत्या प्रभुमादिरामं जगत्तुषा(खा)रामतन् निरीच्य । नरः
  सुरेंद्रादिकरोपनीतपूजाग्रापावलम्[पैति] नि-
- 53 त्यं(त्यम्) ॥ श्रो[भो]गराममिभरामतन् निरीच्य चोणावि(त्वि)लाघसरणिः घरणे मुरारेः । भोगा[नभंगुररसा]न्मुचिरं विचिचान्प्राप्नोति कल्पश्रतमल्पितदेवराजः ॥ दृष्टा प्रक्रष्ट- महिमानमनन्तभक्त्या तं गुप्तराममितगुप्तपदं च किंचित् । प्राप्नोति यत्तदिह किं ननु देवरा[जो] —
- 54 तहुर्यागिरसोऽपि सोऽपि ॥ श्रीशंखरामं प्रणिपत्य मर्त्यः पदं समभ्येति हि शंख-पाणः । विश्वहभावेन हृदा महेंद्रमुख्यादिदेवैरभिवंद्यमानः ॥ जगन्महानंदिन-दानमीशं श्रीमैथिलील स्मणदेवयुक्तं(क्तम्) । श्रीरामदेवं प्रणिपत्य मूर्ड्या नमस्करिख्ये-(ख्ये) स्पतरैर्व्य[चोभिः \*] ॥
- 55 देव त्रीरघुनंदन त्र(त्रि)जगतामद्दैतवादप्रभी भाखदंशमद्दावभूषणमणे कारुखरत्नाकर । त्रैलोक्शारिदशास्त्रकंठदशक् क्छेदोक्समत्याणये पा —  $\smile \smile \smile \smile \smile$  ते त्रैलोक्शगोध्ते नमः 4 ॥ देव त्रीरसमुद्रसांद्रलहरी[र्नि]र्मथ्य ह्रत्लीर्त्तये तत्ताद्द-माण  $\smile \smile \smile$
- 56 🔾 🔾 विश्वेक्सभर्चे नमः । श्रीरामाय इनूमद।दिवदनांसीजव्यषंडप्रभासर्चे श्री-जनकच्चितींद्रतनयानंदैक[कं]दाय च ॥ देव त्वां स्फुरदुग्रशीषण 🗸 — — — ८ — — — — दारचटुसुतिप्रश्रमितकोधं नमस्कुर्महे । तत्का[ला]प-चितिक्रियार्थमिलिताशेषास्व — — ८

<sup>1</sup> Metre of this and the following verse: Upajāti.

Metre of this and the next verse: Vasantutilaks.

Metre of this and the next verse: Upajāti.

<sup>•</sup> Metre of this and the next seven verses : Sardulavikridita.

58	विसर्परोगजगतीनाथारिदारिद्युभूर्भीतिर्भक्तजनस्य संमदपदं रामेति नामसृते: । गब्य-
	तिम ∪ — ∪ — ਹੌਂ ∪ ∪ — — ∪ — — — — — ਹ ੈ
	— ∪ — ∪ ∪ ∪ — — — ∪ — ॥ देव लां क <b>र</b> णा
<b>59</b>	चोभुजां तेजसां(साम्) । कुर्व्वाणे जगदिष्टष्टष्टिमसृतासारां भवोन्माधिनीं — — प्राधितट-
	प्रभाक
	∪ — — — ∪ — — — — — <b>र्स्कासन ∪ — — — ∪</b>
	$m{} m{-} m{-} m{-} [$ । $^*$ $m{-}$ सिंदूराचलमीलिकख्यि $m{-} m{-} m{-} m{-}$
<b>6</b> 0	प्रतिष्ठं विभुं कुंभोङ्गृतमुनौखरेण भगवन्वंदे मुदे नित्यय: ॥ देव त्वां पुरुषं
	पुरातनमर्ज तत्त U——U————U—U—U—U———
	[i*]
	— U — — — U U — U — भगवते भक्त्या नमोऽस्तु प्र[भो ॥*]
	$\mathcal{L}$
61	रामदेवं य स्तौति मर्खः पवित्रधीः । सिंदूराचलमीलिखं भजते तस्य य
	$\succeq^1$ । काशीप्रस् $ullet$ — $ullet$
	○────────────────────────────────────
62	
02	ल: । श्रास्ते वा(बा)लसमुद्र एष विलसद्देवालयालीमिल — — — जलो जले-
	चणक्षतां देवा U — — U — <sup>2</sup> [॥*]
63	<sup>3</sup> धन्यः ॥ समध्यर्च नरी भक्त्या न ८८८८ –
	$\cup$ $\cup$ । दुर्लभां लभते कां कां न हि सिहिं विग्रह्मी: $  \cup$ $  \cup$ $  \cup$ $ \cup$ $ \cup$ $ \cup$ $ \cup$ $ \cup$ $ \cup$ $ \cup$ $  \cup$ $ \cup$
,	भरणं गरीयः श्रीराघवोऽमंस्त कतार्धमन्नैः $^4$ $^{5-}$
	भरण गराय: त्राराघवाऽमस्त कतार्थमर्चः भ <sup>5-</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Metre: Anushtubh.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Metre : Śārdūlavikrīdita.

<sup>\*</sup> About 40 aksharas are gone here.

<sup>4</sup> Metre : Indravajrā.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Lines 64-75 are too much mutilated to be transcribed here. Lines 69 and 71 mention one Māldēva and line 70 has भाइय सल्वस्ताच वच: स . . . . मेथिजीनायस्त्रध्यति रीन भे जुरू . which shows that the inscription was intended to record something done by Māldēva by the order of Rāghava—perhaps some repairs to the temple of Lakshmana.

#### No. 3.—A GRANT OF THE WESTERN CHALUKYA VIJAYADITYA: SAKA 653.

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This set of three copper-plates was presented by the Bombay Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society to the Archæological Section of the Prince of Wales Museum, Bombay, and is now exhibited in the Epigraphical Gallery.

These plates have not been published so far nor have they been noticed anywhere. Their authenticity is, however, unquestionable and therefore they are taken up for publication in this journal.

Each plate is  $10'' \times 5\frac{1}{2}''$  in size. The whole grant runs into 45 lines. A circular hole with a diameter of about  $\frac{3}{4}''$  is found in all the three plates. There is neither any ring nor any Royal seal attached to the set at present. The first and third plates are written on one side only while the second plate is inscribed on both the sides. As regards **orthography** the record has no peculiarity worth mentioning.

Vijayāditya, the donor of the present grant, seems to have ascended the throne in 618-619 Saka as the Bādāmi Sanskrit and Kanarese inscription is dated Saka 621, in his third regnal year. The present grant was made in his 36th regnal year when 653 Saka had passed. His reign seems to have ended in 654-655 Saka as his son Vikramāditya II issued from Raktapura a grant in his 2nd regnal year in 656 Saka expired.

The donation was made on the full-moon day of Vaiśākha to Bhavasvāmi-Bhaṭṭa of the Viśvāmitra-gōtra, who was well versed in the Vaidika literature and who was the son of Paśu-patiśarman and grandson of Yajñaśarman. The donation was of a village (?) in a certain vishaya³. The grant was issued from the victorious camp at Raktapura.⁴

The writer was Niravadya-Punyavallabha. We know that in the reign of Vinayāditya the Mahāsāmdhivigrahika was one Rāma-Punyavallabha. But in the reign of Vijayāditya there was one Niravadya-Paṇḍita alias Udayadēva-Paṇḍita, a Jaina to whom Vijayāditya granted a village. Niravadya-Paṇḍita who was of the Mūla-Saṃgha was the spiritual guide of Vinayāditya.

The inscription opens with *Svasti* followed by a verse in praise of the Boar incarnation of Vishņu. Then it successively refers to the famous Mānavya-gōtra, the descent from **Hāritī** of the **Chalikyas** who were guarded by the Seven Mothers, the receipt of a banner bearing the figure

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Ind. Ant., Vol. X, p. 60.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Ibid., Vol. VII, p. 104.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> [According to my reading of lines 35-37 the name of the village granted would be Tārāvadra which was situated in Tēllād-āhāra, a district in Navasāri-vishaya. I read the portion as follows:—

<sup>35</sup> भवस्वामिभट्टाय नवसारिविषये तेह्नादाहारी

<sup>36</sup> कीश्वलखातेब्रादपढमखाणविसीमायामाणा मुध्य तारा[ब]द्रना-

<sup>37</sup> मगाम(मी) वाप्युदामने विजयादित्येन दंत: etc.-N. L. R.]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> This Raktapura was a famous place in the times of the Western Chālukya kings. Vinayāditya issued a grant from this place. Cf. Ind. Ant., Vol. VII, p. 112. Vikramāditya II issued one more grant in 656 Saka, cf. ibid., p. 104.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Ind. Ant., Vol. VI, p. 85.

<sup>&</sup>quot; Ibid., Vol. VII, p. 112.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> [The late Prof. Pathak has suggested (above, Vol. X, p. 15) that the name Niravadya, which seems to have been a biruda, originally of Vijayāditya, was assumed by the writer of his grants.—N. I.. R.]

of a Boar on it through the favour of Vishnu, etc., as found in most of the other grants of this dynasty.

The genealogy begins with Pulakēśi-Vallabha (I)¹ who had purified his limbs with the holy waters at the time of the horse sacrifice performed by him. Then his son, the famous Kīrtti-Varman(I) who had defeated the kings of Vanavāsī, is referred to. Then we find mentioned his son Satyāśraya otherwise famous as Pulakēśin (II) who bore the additional titles Mahārējā-dhirāja and Paramēśvara; the last-mentioned title he obtained by defeating Harshavardhana. Then comes his 'favourite' son Vikramāditya (I). Mounted on the back of his favourite steed Chitrakaṇtha and with only a sword in hand he is said to have retrieved the fortune of his father which had been taken away by the alliance of three kings. He also broke down the power of the Pāṇḍyas, Chōļas, Kēraļas and Kaļabhras, and made the king of Kāñchī bow down in reverence to him. Then is mentioned Vinayāditya, who is also stated to have subdued the triple alliance. He subdued the kings of Kavēra, Pārasika and Simhaļa and by defeating the king of the north acquired the emblems of greatness such as the Pālidhvaja, etc.

His favourite son was Vijayāditya-Samastabhuvanāśraya, the donor of the present grant. He secured peace at home while his grandfather carried on wars with the southern kings and he assisted his father in a campaign in the north and going further to the north (more than what his father had done) he acquired for himself the emblems of Gangā, Yamunā, the Pālidhvajā banner and the Phakkā drum. He was once caught by the enemies but he skilfully contrived to escape and brought peace and order unaided by others in the provinces where disorder reigned supreme for a while.

#### TEXT.3

#### First Plate.

- 1 स्वस्ति [॥\*] जयत्याविष्कृतं विष्योजीराष्टं चाभितार्व्यवं(वम्) [।\*] दचिषोनतः दंष्ट्राग्रविज्ञान्तभुवनं वपु: [॥\*] श्री-
- 2 मतां सक्तलभुवनसंस्तूयमानमानव्यसगीत्राणां सप्तलोकमातु-
- 3 भिन्मसमात्मिरिभवर्षितानां कार्त्तिकेयपरिरचणप्राप्तक्त्वागपरंपराणां भगव-
- 4 वारायणप्रसादसमासादितवराइलाञ्क्नेचणचणवशीक्षताश्रेषमहीस्तां
- 5 चिलक्यानां कुलमलंकरिष्णोरखमेधावसृषद्मानपवित्रीक्षतगात्रस्य श्रीपुलकेशि-
- 6 वज्ञभमद्वाराजस्य स्नुं 

  प्रशाक्रमाक्रान्तवनवास्यादिप्यवृपितमण्डलप्रविद-
- 7 हविश्वत्वतीर्त्तः त्रीकीर्त्तिवर्मपृथिवीवन्नभमहाराजस्तस्यात्मजस्ममर-
- 8 संसन्नसकलोत्तरापयेष्वरत्रीहर्षक्र्यनां पराजयोपात्तपरमञ्जरश्रव्हा-

<sup>1</sup> His title Satyastraya is not given here, unlike in Ind. Ant., Vol. VI, p. 73.

<sup>\*</sup> From the original plates.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Read -bhuvanam.

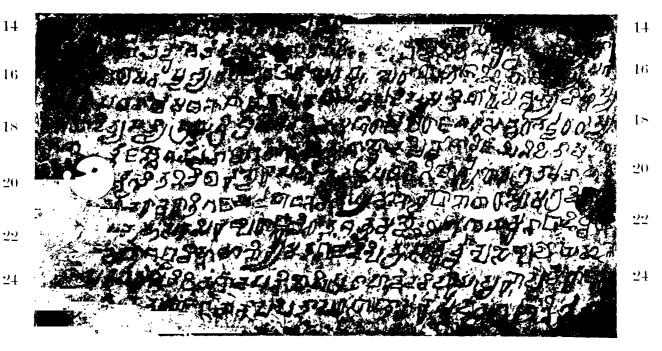
<sup>4</sup> Read \*eya samara. [This emendation is unnecessary as the reading of the text in Il. 8-9 in cosmothy paramitrare labdac-tasya.—Ed.]

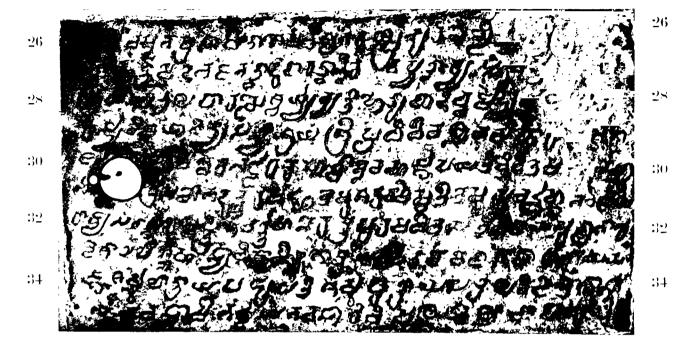
<sup>\*</sup> Read iri-Hamhayarddhama.

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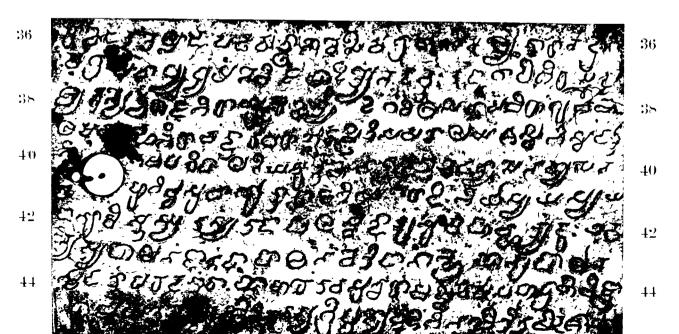


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- 9 [ङ्क]स्य सत्यात्रयत्रीपृथिवीवज्ञभमद्वाराजाधिराजपरमेखरस्य प्रियतनय-
- 10 स्य प्रज्ञा[त]नयस्य खङ्गमानसत्तायस्य चित्रकाय्वाभिधानप्रवरतुरङ्गमेणै-
- 11 केनैवोसारिताशेषविजिगोषोरवनिपतिचितयान्तरितां स्रगुरो<sup>1</sup> त्रियमात्मसा-
- 12 त्कृत्य(त्वा) प्रभावकुलिश्रद्दित्या ख्याचोककेरककरभ्रप्रसृतिभूसददभ्रवि-
- 13 भ्रमस्यानन्यावनतकाचौपतिमुकुटचंबितपादांबुजस्य विक्रमादित्य-

#### Second Plate; First Side.

- 14 सत्यात्रयत्रीष्टियवीवन्नभमद्वाराजाधिराजपरमेश्वरभद्वारकस्य प्रियसूनो 🖂 पि-
- 15 तुराज्ञया बालेन्दुशेखरस्य तारकारातिरिव दैत्यबलमितसमुद्दतं चैराज्यका-
- 16 श्वीपतिबलमवष्टभ्य करदीक्षतकमे(वे)रपारसीकसिंहकादिद्वीपाधिपस्य सक-
- 17 लोत्तरापथनाथमथनोपार्जितोर्जितपाकिश्वजादिसमस्तपारमैश्वर्थिचिङ्गस्य
- 18 विनयादित्यसत्यात्रयत्रीपृथिवीवन्नभमहाराजाधिराजपरमेम्बरभद्वारकस्य
- 19 प्रियात्मजश्रीयव एवाधिगताश्रेषास्त्रशास्त्रो दिचणाशाविजयिनि पितामहे
- 20 समुद्धालितनिखिलकण्टक<sup>2</sup>सङ्ह[ति\*]कत्तराषथवि[जि\*]गीषोर्ग्रीरयत एवाइव-
- 21 व्यापारमाचरत्ररातिगजघटापाटनविशीर्थ्यमाणक्रपाणधारस्ममग्रविग्रहा-
- 22 ग्रेसरस्त्र[त्सा]इसरसिक∺पराङ्ग्(झ्)खीक्षतश्रच्मग्डलो गंगायसुनापाकिध्वज-
- 23 पट[इ\*]ढक महाशब्दचिक्समाणिकामतंगजादीन्पिन्(त)सात्कुर्वन्प[रै] प्रवायमानै-
- 24 रासाद्य कथर्माप विधिवशाटपनौतोषि प्रतापाटेट $^{ t t}$  विपर्य $^{ t t}$ प्रकोपमराजक-
- 25 मुसारयन्वसाराज दवानपेचितापरसहायकस्तदवग्रहाविर्मात्य ख-

Second Plate; Second Side.

- 26 भुजावष्टंभप्रसाधिताशेषविखंभरं प्रभुरखिखतश्रित्तचय-
- 27 ताच्छनुमदभंजनतादुदारतात्रिखवावादासमस्तभुवना-

<sup>1</sup> Read oguroh.

<sup>\*</sup> Read dhakka-.

<sup>5</sup> Read vishaya-.

<sup>2</sup> Read sambatica.

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- 28 ययमाननपारमै वर्थव्यक्तिहेतुपानिध्वजायुज्व(ज्व)नप्राज्यः
- 29 राज्यो विजयादित्यसत्यात्रयत्रीपृथिवीवन्नभमहाराजाधिरा-
- 30 जपरमेखरभद्वारकसार्वाचे(ने)वमाज्ञापयति विदितमस्त वीस्रा-
- 31 भि¹निपञ्चाशदुत्तरषट्ट(ट्श)नेषु शक्ववर्षेष्वतीतेषु प्रवर्श्वमानविजय-
- 32 राज्यसंवतार षद्विंग्रे वर्त्तमाने रक्तपुरमधिवसति विजयस्कत्वावारी
- 33 वैशाखपौर्ण्यमास्यां विखामिनगोनाय — "वे[द\*]वेदांगपारगाय 🕡
- 34 च्चर्यमीपोचाय <sup>३</sup>पटुपतिश्रमीपुचाय सकल'विदितशास्त्रा-
- 35 य भवस्तानिभद्दाय — <sup>3</sup>विषये — <sup>5</sup>हारो

#### Third Plate.

- 36 ——— नु<sup>3</sup> पश्चिमे —<sup>5</sup> सीमा — — — — 37 — — — <sup>5</sup> विजयादिखेन दत्तः तटागामिभिरसाई-
- 38 ग्रीरम्येय राजभिरायुरैयर्यादीनां विलसितमचिरांग्रचच्च-
- 39 लमव[ग\*]च्छित्रराचन्द्रार्कधरार्ण्विखितिसमकालयशिखिमि:\*] स्वटित्त-
- 40 नि[र्वि] शेषं परिपालनीयसुक्तञ्च $^6$  भगवता वेदव्यासेन व्यासेन [॥ $^*$ ]
- 41 बहुभिर्व्वसुधा भुता राजभिसागरादिभिर्य(भि: । य)स्य यस्य य-
- 42 दा भूमिम्त्य तस्य तदा फलं(लम्) [॥\*] खन्दातुं सुम इच्छकां दु:खम-
- 43 न्यस्य पालनं(नम्) [। $^*$ ] दानं वा पालनं चेति दानाच्छ्रेयोनुपालनं(नम्) [॥ $^*$ ]
- 44 खदत्तां परदत्तां वा यो इरेत वसुन्धरां(राम्) [।\*] षष्टिवर्षसहस्राणि विष्ठा-
- 45 यां जायते क्रिम: [॥\*] श्रीनिरवद्यश्रीपुरखवत्त्रभेन लिखितमिदं शासनं [॥\*]

<sup>1</sup> Read obhis=trio.

<sup>2</sup> Reading doubtful. [It is fafen .- N. L. R.]

Read Paśupatio.

<sup>4</sup> The order of the words in the compound is incorrect.

<sup>[</sup>See note 3 on p. 21.—Ed.]

<sup>•</sup> Read ° yam/uktañ=cha.

#### No. 4.—ELLORA PLATES OF DANTIDURGA, SAKA 663.

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The copper-plates which bear the subjoined inscription of the earliest Rāshtrakūţa emperor Dantidurga were discovered at Ellora (ancient Ēlāpura) in Aurangābād District of H. E. H. the Nizām's Dominions. They were handed over to Sir John Marshall by Major Garforth. Under Secretary, Public Works Department, in the year 1921, but originally belonged to a widow lady, by name Mrs. Plunkett, from whom they were subsequently purchased by the Archaeological Department. Unfortunately they have somehow remained in oblivion for more than 17 years, until Rao Bahadur K. N. Dikshit happened to come across them. He has kindly lent them to me for editing, which I am doing under his guidance.

The plates are two in number, each measuring in the middle roughly 6 inches in length and 4½ inches in breadth. They are joined together by a copper ring which is oval in shape, being roughly 1½ inches in length and 1¼ inches in breadth. The letters, which are engraved with fair accuracy, vary in size from ¼th to ¾rd of an inch. The plates are inscribed on one side only, and the engraving is fairly deep, though the letters do not appear on the other side except in a few cases. The edges of the plates are thickened only very slightly, so that the first plate is worn out in the middle of the upper edge though no damage is thereby caused to any letters. The copper ring which joins the two plates together has a seal attached to it, on which appears a winged figure sitting cross-legged. The figure must be of Garuda who usually appears on the Rāshṛrakūta seals. The language is Sanskrit and the inscription is throughout written in prose, except for the imprecatory and benedictory verses (lines 23 to 28; which are usually found near the end. As regards orthography, it may be noted that the consonant following r is generally duplicated (cf. Dantidurgga. 1, 8; antarggata and rinirggata, 1, 13 and 14; Adhraryy r, 1, 14; utsarppaṇārtham. 1, 17). A certain amount of laxity in rules relating to sandhr, etc., is also observable.

The palaeographical peculiarities found in this inscription mark it out from the Rāshṭrakūṭa inscriptions like the Multāī and Tiwarkhēḍ plates of Nannarāja Yuddhāsura.¹ the Bhāndak plates of Kṛishṇarāja I², which, according to Dr. V. S. Sukthankar, have characters belonging to the "Northern class of alphabets". On the other hand, a comparative study of this record with some of the Valabhī and Southern Gujarāt plates betrays their closest affinity in palaeographical details. Thus the Ilāō (Broach District) plates of Dadda II-Prasāntarāga.³ Prince of Wales Museum plates of Jayabhaṭa.⁴ Āntrōh-Chhārōh plates of Karka II (dated Śaka 679) and Baroda plates of Suvarṇavarsha (dated Śaka 734) bear a much closer resemblance with the present record than the first-mentioned three grants from the Bētūl and Chāndā Districts. Special attention may be drawn to the form of the letter  $\bar{e}$  (l. 10), which could easily be mistaken for 'ga' or 'l', but is obviously meant to be of the same type as is found in  $\bar{E}l\bar{a}pur-\bar{a}chala$ , etc., of the Baroda plates?

The object of this inscription is to record the grant of a village called **Pippalāla** in the district of Chandanapuri-eighty-four, to certain Brāhmaņas originating from Navasārikā, by the Rāshtrakūṭa prince **Dantidurga**, son of Indrarāja and grandson of Karkkarāja. The grant was issued

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Ind. Ant., Vol. XVIII, pp. 230 ff.; above, Vol. XI, pp. 276 ff.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Above, Vol. XIV, pp. 121 ff.

<sup>3</sup> Ind. Ant., Vol. XIII, pp. 115 ff.

Above, Vol. XXIII, pp. 147 ff.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> J. B. B. R. A. S., Vol. XVI, pp. 105 ff.

<sup>•</sup> Ind. Ant., Vol. XII, pp. 156 ff. Also of, the Valabhi plates illustrated in Ind. Ant., Vol. XIV, facing p. 328; above, Vols. XI, XIII and XXII, facing pp. 106, 339 and 118 respectively, etc.

<sup>7</sup> Ind. Ant., Vol. XII, plate facing p. 158, text I. 14.

from, and probably recorded at, Badarikā-vāsaka, though it was originally made at Elapura (Elāpura) by the donor after bathing in the Guhēśvara tīrtha. Its chief importance, however, lies in the fact that it is the earliest dated record of the Imperial Rāshṭrakūṭa dynasty so far known. The inscription is dated in the (Saka) Samvat 663, Aśvina Suddha trayodaśi, Soma-vāra. According to S. K. Pillai's Indian Ephemeris the date is not regular either for Saka 663 current or for 663 expired. The details cited, however, regularly correspond to Monday, the 17th September 742 A.D., in the Saka year 664 expired. The present inscription, whose authenticity can be borne out by the palaeographical test, is thus dated 12 years earlier than the Samangad plates of Dantidurga,1 which are dated in the Saka year 675. The genuineness of the latter has been called in question by scholars like Dr. Sukthaukar<sup>2</sup> and Dr. D. R. Bhandarkar,<sup>3</sup> who base their arguments mainly on palaeographical grounds, which are, however, 'hardly convincing' to Dr. A. S. Altekar, when the difference is only of a few decades.'4 One may not perhaps fully agree with Dr. Altekar in his doubts as regards the validity of the palaeographical test, which has always to reckon the district in which the inscription is found, the district in which the grant is given and the personality of the writer: but one cannot set aside the Samangad inscription altogether, reprecially in view of the possibility that it might have been copied from an earlier and authentic inscription which really gave the correct date of Dantidurga (viz., S. 675). The present record also bears out Dr. Altekar's suggestion that at any rate "there is nothing impossible in Dantidurga being a ruling prince in 753-4 A. D." 5

Another point to be considered is regarding the titles that were borne according to this inscription by Dantidurga and his predecessors, Karka and Indra. All the three bear only feudatory titles, such as Samadhiyata-pamcha-mahāsabda and Mahāsāmantādhipati. Thus Dantidurga had not as yet assumed the imperialistic titles which appear in the Samangad plates. No doubt, he bears in this record the title of Protherirallabha, but that may signify at best his increased importance. It is true that the title Prithrivallabha was often borne, along with Śrivallabha, by kings of the Imperial lines of the Chalukyas and the Rashtrakutas; but while the latter title, like the simpler Vallabha, was exclusively a suzerain's title, the former. riz., Prithrivallabha, was borne also by important feudatories. Thus in circa 645 A. D. Chandraditya, the eldest son of Pulakesin II. is styled Prithir ivallabha and Mahūrāja. About a century later, i.e., in or before 739 A. D., the same title Prothivivallabha was conferred upon Pulakēśin (the repeller of the Tājikas) along with other titles, viz., Avanijanāsvaya, Dakshiņāpathasādhāva-Chalukyakulālamkāva, etc., bv Švī-Vallabhanarendra who evidently was his suzerain6. Dantidurga also seems to have defeated certain enemies, before 742 A. D., since he is said in this inscription to have obtained victory in many battles. One may therefore suggest that he too was honoured by Śrī-Vallabhanarēndra with the title Prithirivallabha in recognition of his service in some battles, possibly fought in collaboration with Pulakēśi-Avanijanāśraya. The date of the present record is only three years later than the date of Pulakēśin's record. The connection of the Rāshṭrakūṭa predecessors of Dantidurga with Gujarāt is borne out by the fact recorded in the Sanjān and other inscriptions that the mother of Dantidurga (called Bhavagaṇā in the Bhāndak plates of Krishṇarāja)? was a Chālukya princess who was carried away by Indraraja from Khēṭaka-maṇḍapa in accordance with the Rākshasa form

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Ind. Ant., Vol. XI, pp. 110 ff.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Above, Vol. XIV, p. 121, n. 5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Above, Vol. XVIII, p. 238.

<sup>4</sup> Rāshtrakūtas and Their Times, pp. 33-34, footnote 11.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid.

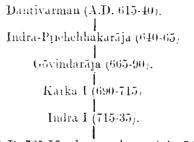
<sup>6</sup> Bombay Gazetteer, Vol. I, Pt. 1, p. 109, n. 2. Also cf. Ind. Ant., Vol. XVIII, p. 265, where Nikumbhallaśakti Sendraka a. .mes the title Prithivīvallabha.

<sup>7</sup> Above, Vol. XIV, p. 124, text l. 19.

of marriage. Further, the connection of Dantidurga with Southern Gujarāt is perhaps betrayed by the fact that one or probably all of the dones of the present grant hailed from Navasārikā Lastly, as shown above, close palaeographical examination of this inscription confirms this connection, for the inscription was probably engraved somewhere in South Gujarāt. Thus, there is nothing impossible in Dantidurga helping Pulakēši-Aranijanāsiaya, when the Tājikas were penetrating into Dakshiṇāpatha at Navasārikā, though it has to be admitted that this is nothing more than a supposition.

When did this scuffle between the Gujarāt Chālukyas and the Tājikas take place? Several scholars have averred that it must have taken place soon after 724 A.D., when Junaydi under Caliph Hisham carried raids into the dominous of the Hindu kings. But it seems to me that the Chālukyan skirmishes with the Tājikas did not take place before 731 A.D., since Pulakēši-Avamjanāšraya who claims for himself the credit for repulsing the Tājikas, did not come to the throne-till after A.D. 731, for an inscription of Vijayāditya Janāsraya Yuddhamalla Maṅgalarāja the elder brother of Pulakēšin, is dated in that year. Pulakēšin must have, therefore encountered the Arabs sometime between 731 A.D. and 739 A.D., a.e., probably in the reige of Vikramāditya II who ruled from 733 A.D. to 746 A.D. Thus Vikramāditya was probably the Śrō-Vallabhararēndra who conferred titles on both Pulakēsin and Dantidurga. The assumption of the title Prahieīvallabha and the berada Khadgāvalōla on the part of Dantidurga shows, at any rate, that he had materially added to the dignity and prestige of the Rōshṭrakūṭas before the grant was issued: while the issue of a land grant itself shows a certain amount of independence enjoyed by Dantidurga.

Dantidurga must have required some time to achieve victory in many battles as is claimed by him in the present record, or at least to add to the dignity and prestige of the family, as is indicated by the assumption of additional, if not higher, titles. Hence, Dantidurga's career probably began some time before 742 A. D. This would probably invalidate Dr. Altekar's supposition that Indra I married the Chālukya princess Bhavagaṇā in or after 725, when he "very probably served in the campaign (against the Valabhī king) as one of the feudatories of the Chālukya king (Mañagalarasa) "3. Another statement of Dr. Altekar that "Nanna Guṇāvaloka, a younger brother of Indra I, was still alive in 792 A.D., as the Daulatabad plates show ",4 also needs correction, since it is nowhere told in the original record that Nanna was still alive at that date, though he son who issued the grant was then certainly living. Hence, the dates suggested for Dantidura and his ancestors by Dr. Altekar have to be revised in the light of this record and the suggestions made above and we have perhaps to assign the following approximate dates to Dantidurga and his ancestors:—



Dantidurga (A.D. 735-57); known dates, A.D. 742 and 754.

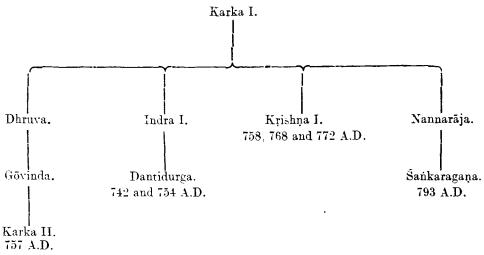
<sup>1</sup> Elhot: History of India, Vol. I, pp. 125-26.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See J. B. B. R. A. S., Vol. XVI, p. 5.

<sup>3</sup> Altekar, Räshtrakūtas and Their Times, p. 32.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid., p. 10. See above, Vol. IX, pp. 195 ff.

Consideration of the above facts would make it clear that the suggestion of Dr. Bhagwanlal Indraji about the identity of Karka I of Āntrōli-Chhārōli plates with the grandfather of Dantidurga is more probable than Dr. Altekar is disposed to agree. According to him, "the drawback in this theory is the necessity of assuming that Dhruva, Govinda and Karka II were, all of them, the eldest sons of their parents." This is because he would assign later dates to the predecessors of Karka I, and would place Nannarāja in 793 A.D., when he probably did not exist. Thus the various branches of the Rā-hṭrakūṭa family emanating from Karka I may be shown with their known dates as follows:—



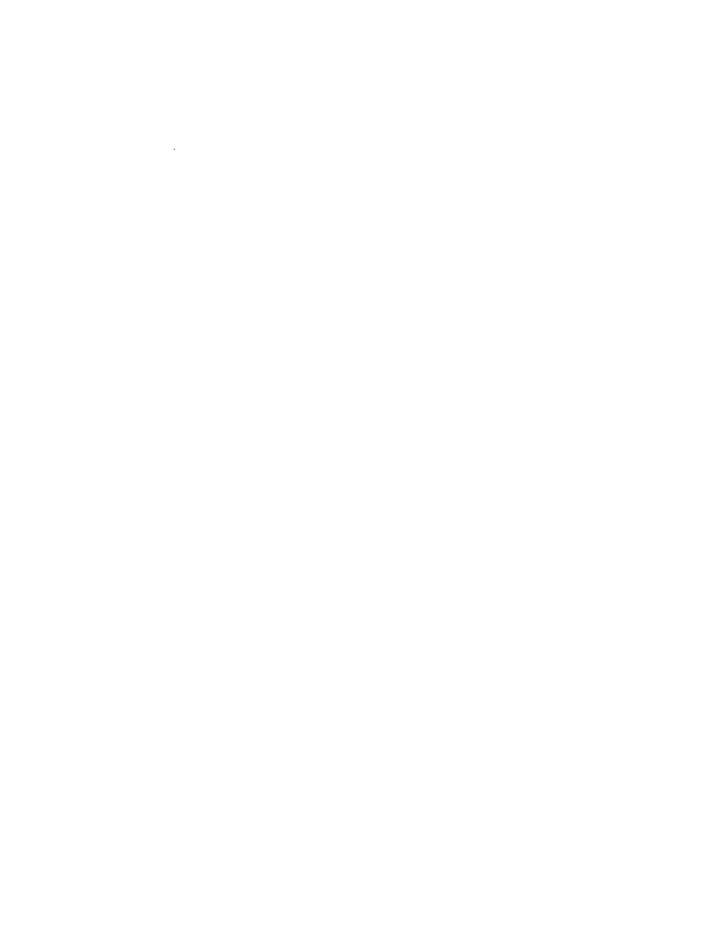
As stated already, the palaeography shows a close similarity between the letters of this record and those of the Antrôli-Chhārôli record of Karka II, which favours Dr. Bhagwanlal's hypothesis. Dr. Altekar, however, tries to connect the line of Dantidurga with Nannarāja Yuddhāsura of Multāī and Tiwarkhēd plates, which palaeographically differ from the present grant.

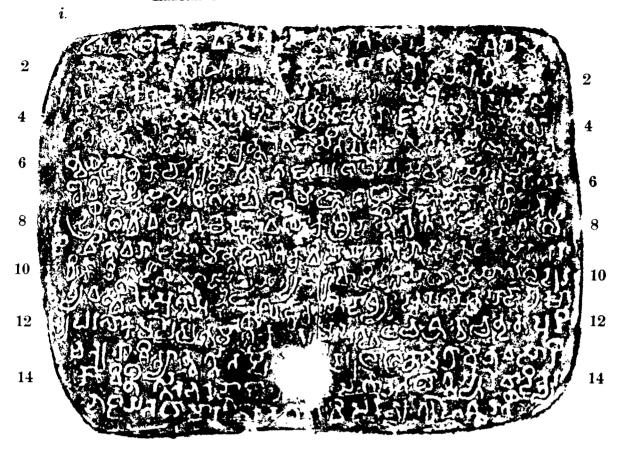
A verse in the Samangad plates possibly connects early activities of Dantidurga with the Mahī and the Rövä as also with the Mahānadī. But this does not necessarily show that he was connected with the Rāshtrakūtas of Berār. He might have led an expedition and gained a victory on the bank of the Mahānadī. As regards Dantidurga's revolt against the Vallabha it is possible to hold that it did not take place till the death of Vikramaditya II who had bestowed on him the title Prithivivallabha, while the accession of Kirtivarman II in circa 747 A.D. probably gave an impetus to his desire to catch hold of the royal sceptre, which he did, according to the Daśavatara cave. Samangad and many other inscriptions, by means of danda or dandabala. In view of this definite statement of the use of force, it is difficult to agree with Dr. Altekar's suggestion that 'the overthrow of the Chālukya emperor was brought about by strategem or treachery.'2 The very fact that Kirtivarman II was alive at least upto 757 A. D. shows that very probably there was no intrigue against him, but that he was defeated in a regular battle by Dantidurga, who had raised the standard of rebellion in consequence of the weakness of the central authority. Another fact that I should mention here is about the reading Sandhubhūpa found in l. 10 of the Daśāvatāra record, which Dr. Bhagwanlal reads as: dandēn-aira jigāya Vallabha-balam yah Sandhubhūp-ādhipam. According to Dr. Altekar, Sandhubhūpa" is obviously a mistake for Sindhubhūpa". But

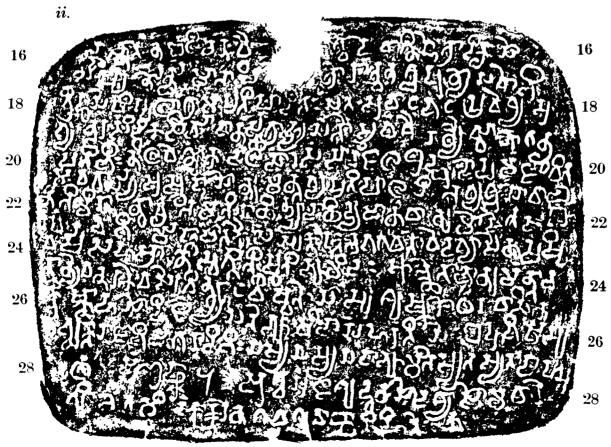
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Altekar, op. cit., p. 13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Ibid., p. 39,

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., p. 30,







then, it would mean that Dantidurga conquered "the overlord of the kings of Sind". The correct reading, so far as I can see from ink-estampages of the Daśāvatāra inscription, kindly supplied by Dr. N. P. Chakravarti, is:  $dand\bar{e}n=aiva$   $pig\bar{a}ya$  Vallabha-nripam (?) yah  $sarva-bh\bar{u}p-\bar{a}dhipam$ , etc., that is: "He conquered Vallabha, the king of all kings by means of force". We may here note that Ballara "signifies king of kings", according to Ibn Khurdabd, Al-Idrisi, etc... There is thus no question of Dantidurga conquering Sind according to this reading.

Of the localities mentioned in this inscription, Badarikā whence this record was issued probably lies as indicated by the palaeography of the record, somewhere in southern Gujarat, though an alternative that the writer who inscribed the record might have hailed from that region is not altogether barred out. Navasārikā is the famous Nausārī (Baroda), while Ēlāpura² is the famous Ellora, where Dantidurga built the Daśāvatāra cave temple as can be inferred from his inscription found in that cave, and where his successor Krishna built the Kailāsa temple. As regards the Guhēśvara-tūrtha, which, according to this inscription, seems to be in Elāpura, one may suggest that this Iśvara of the cave  $(guh\bar{a})$  is none else but Ghrishņēšvara of Ellora, one of the twelve Juotir-lingus. Chandanapuri is the same as the mordern Chandanpuri a small town on the Girna river, three miles to the south-west of Malegaum, and about forty-five miles to the north-west of Ellora while Pippalāla is the same as the mordern Pimpral 12 miles south-east of Chandanpuri, and about 33 miles from Ellora. Since Pippala changes into Pimpal in Marāthī, there is little phonetic difficulty with regard to the equation Pippalāla=Pimpral. This geographical consideration therefore suggests that the Rūshţrakūţa territory included at least the Aurangābād District and parts of Nāsik and Khāndesh Districts as early as 742 A. D.

## TEXT.

First Plate.

- 1 ॐ¹ स्वस्ति [।\*] बद्रिकावासकात्मिष्ठिगतपंचमङ्गण्ड्म-
- 2 हासामन्ताधिपितराष्ट्रकूटान्वयगोत्रालंकारश्रीकर्क-
- 3 राज[स्\*]तत्पादानुद्धातपरममाचेखरसमधिगतपंचम-
- 4 हाग्रन्दमहासामन्ताधिपतिश्रीमदिन्द्रराजसुत(राजस्ततातो) मेरूमहोधर-
- 5 गिर(? विजर)स्थिररुचिरसमुत्रते विकसितयशसि मह्नति स इन्द्रराच्चा(च्चो)-

Vide: इिमालये तु केदारं घृषेग्रं तु शिवालये ।

देखापुरौरम्यशिवालयेऽन्त्रिन् समुक्षसन्तं च जगदरेख्यम् ।

वन्दे महीदारतरस्त्रभावं घृषेत्रराग्यं शरणं प्रपद्ये ॥

-J. B. B. R. A. S., Vol. X, pp. 4.6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Elliot's *History of India*, Vol. I, pp. 13, 75, 86, 88, etc. [To me the reading appears to be *Vallabha*[ra]sam. Is arasa here to be taken as the Kanarese form of rāja as in Vittarasa (= Vishnurāja)?—Ed.]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For the history of its name and the traditions connected with it vide A. S. W. I., Vol. V, p. 26, footnote. I may point out another tradition narrated in the Brahmapurāna, Ch. 108 (Gautamī-Māhātmya), according to which Ilapura owes its name to king Ila. The story says that Ila changed his sex on entering the forest called Umāvana due to a curse of Siva and came to be known as Ilā. Wishing to regain her former sex Ilā worshipped Siva on the banks of the river Gautamī (Gōdāvarī) in the forests of Daṇḍaka. She succeeded and hence the town established there came to be known as Ilapura. The tīrtha, according to Dr. Burgess, "was originally at the caves" (A. S. W. I., Vol. V, p. 4).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> I owe this suggestion to R. B. K. N. Dikshit, as also the reading Elāpura.

<sup>#</sup> Expressed by a symbol.

- 6 न्वये अनेकचातुईन्तगजघटाटोपसमरसंघटल-
- 7 अविजयौ(य:) समधिगतपञ्चमहाशब्दमहासामन्ताधिपति-
- 8 प्री(पृ)ियवीवन्नभखद्गावला(ली)कश्रीदन्तिदुर्गगाजः कुणली
- 9 सर्वानेव राजसामन्तभोगिकविषयपतिराष्ट्रकूटमहत्तरा-
- 10 धिकारिकादौ[न्\*] समाज्ञापयत्यस्तु वो विदितं यथा मया एल(ला)पुर-
- 11 व्यवस्थितन ग्राखयुजग्रहचयोदग्धां खहस्तेन पादां(दा) प्रचा
- 12 त्य परलोकमपेचलमंगोक्तल(लोकमपेच्य) महत्पलं च श्रुता चन्दनपुरि-
- 13 चतुराशित्या(रशीत्य)न्तर्गातिपणनालं नाम ग्राम[:\*] नवसारि-
- 14 काविनिकतभरदा[ज]सगोच तथाध्वर्युरवादित्य-
- 15 भट्टाय तथा माउल तथा [गो]विसर्भ्य(भ्यो) गुईछ। ती-

Second Plate.

- 16 र्श्यस्मार्तन बलिचर्तवैश्वदेवाग्निहोचादिक(क्रि)यो-
- 17 त्मर्पणार्यं मातापित्रीरात्मनश्च पुख्यशोभि-
- 18 ब्रि(वृ)इर्य पिप्पलाल ग्राम $[:^*]$  प्रतिपादित: यत $[:^*]$  श्रचाटभटप्रवेश्य $[:^*]$  श्र-
- 19 भ्यन्तरिसिंद्धकः $[:^*]$  सर्व्वादानसंग्राह्यः $[:^*]$  यतोस्मः $[ z_*^* ]$ वंर्गः( v a ) रन्येर्व्वा भोगनृ-
- 20 पतिभिः(भाविन्यतिभोगपतिभिः) नलवेणुकदलौसारसंसारजलबुद्दोपमं जीवित-
- 21 मवधार्य ग्रसाहायोनुमन्तव्य[:\*] प्रतिपालियतव्यस या वाज्ञा-

¹ The epithet 'anēka-chāturddanta-gaja-ghaţ-āţōpa-samara-samghaţtu-labdha-vijayah' is also found in the Khāmkhēḍ plates of the time of Pratāpašīla, edited by Prof. V. V. Mirashi (Supra, Vol. XXII, p. 95). The letters being partly illegible, the editor has read them as: 'anēka-cha[tu]rddanta-[gaja-ghaṭā] . . . . [prāpta\*-]rijayah.' [In the Khāmkhēḍ plates there is no 100m for so many syllables after ghaṭā.—Ed.] But the present record has a greater similarity with the Bagumrā grant of Nikumbhallaśakti Sēndraka (Prithivī-vallabha) than with the Khāmkhēḍ plates. Cf. Ind. Ant., Vol. XVIII, p. 267:—Mērumahīdhara-vijara-sthira-ruchira-samunnatē vikasita-mahati yaśasi (vikasita-yaśasi mahati) Sēmdraka-rājūām=anvayē naika-chānu(tu)rddanta-gaja-gha[ṭ-ā]tūpa-sama[re]-sanghatta-labdha-vijayō, etc. (The reading cited here will be found slightly different from the one given by Buhler.) The writer of our inscription thus seems to have before him a Sēndraka record, which he blindly copied till he inscribed the words 'vikasita-yaśasi mahati sa', as if he had to write 'Sēndraka-rājām=anvayē.' Immediately after he wrote 'sa', however, it seems to have dawned upon him that this deed belonged to the Rāshtrakūtae and not to the Sēndrakas. So he inserted an obviously unnecessary word 'Indrarājāā(jāō)=nvayē.'' After stating that Dantidurga belonged to the Rāshtrakūṭa family and that he was a son of Indrarāja's family.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The letter la is incised below the line. It was evidently omitted at first by mistake and was supplied later on. The  $k\bar{a}kapada$  sign over the foregoing  $l\bar{a}$  indicates the omission.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Bhōgapati is the same as Bhōgika, a governor of a bhukti.

- 22 नितमिरान्धाष्टतमितराक्टि(च्छि)न्द्य।दाक्टि(च्छि)द्यमानं वानुमोदेत स
- 23 पंचिभिमेहापातकै[:\*] संयुक्तु(संयुनक्तु) [।\*] उक्तं च भगवतो(ता) वेदव्यासेन [।\*] षष्टिं
- 24 वर्षसहस्राणि स्वर्ग्गि(गी) तिष्ठति भूमिद: [|\*| श्राच्छेता(त्ता) चानुमन्ता च
- 25 तान्धेव नरके वर्म[त् $^*$ ]  $_{[1}^*]$  विस्थाटवीष्वतीयासु ग्रष्ककोठ(ट)ग्वासिन[:  $_{[1}^*]$
- 26 क्रि(क्ष)ष्णाइयो डि. जायंते भूमिदायं इरन्ति ये [॥\*] बहुभिवेसु-
- 27 धा भुक्ता राजिभ[:\*] सगरादिभि: [।\*] यस्य यस्य यदा भूमि[स्\*] तस्य तस्य तदा फ-
- 28 लं(लम्) [॥\*] मं ६०० ६० ३ अष्वयुज ग्रुड चयोदध्यां मोमवार [॥\*]
- 29 निखितमिदं कुक्दरेन(ग) गवंग[वाळ्वा]भिहितेन(?)

## No. 5.- BHIKSHUNIS IN INDIAN INSCRIPTIONS.

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Here I am concerned to put together the evidences which Indian inscriptions bear to the existence of the Buddhist Bhikshunī order in India, and to examine how far they tally with the facts that may be gathered from literature and foreign travels.

It may be observed at the outset that the epithet bhikshupi (bhikhuni, bhichhuni) is nowhere employed in Indian inscriptions to denote a religious woman other than a Buddhist female mendicant, sister or nun as she is usually represented. In rare instances  $samanik\bar{u}$  or  $parajitik\bar{u}$  is used as the epithet of a Buddhist nun. This is, however, not to deny that Indian inscriptions are wanting in references to the female members of the Jaina Order, although they are not called  $bhikshup\bar{i}s.$ 

The Bhābrū and Schism Pillar Edicts of Aśōka go to prove that the Buddhist community was constituted in the 3rd century B.C. precisely as in the Buddha's time, of bhikshus, bhikshunës, upāsakas, and upāsikās. The text of Aśōka's ordinance provides against schisms in the Saṅgha fomented by bhikshus as well as bhikshunës (e chuṁ kho bhikhū rā bhikhun rā saṅghaṁ bhākhat) 5 Thus the bhikshunës had at that time to be reckoned with as equally powerful factors in the matter of unity or division in the Buddhist Fraternity.

The information about the *bhikshuṇīs* which may be gathered from Aśōka's edicts may be supplemented by the account of Saṅghamitrā's mission to Ceylon as met with in the *Dīpavaṇṣa* 

Lüders' List, No. 38 (above, Vol. X, appendix).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Asőka's Bhābrū and Schism Pillar Ediets; Lüders' List, Nos. 175, 292, 341, 344, etc.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Lüders' List, Nos. 163, 168, 183, 187, etc.

<sup>74</sup> Lüders' List, Nos. 1240, 1242, 1315.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Luders' List, Nos. 16, 18, 21, 23a, 24, 32, 39, 39a, 45a, 48, 50, 59a, 67, 70, 75, 86, 99, 199, 121.

Sarnath Pillar Edict. Cf. also Sanchi and Kausambi Pillar Edicts.

and the Mahāvamsa. The Dīpavamsa informs us that Aśōka's son and daughter, Mahēndra and Sanghamitra, received the ordination as Buddhist monk and nun in the sixth year of his reign.1 The renowned Dharmapālā was, according to the Mahāramsa, Sanghamitrā's preceptress (upajjhāyā), and Ayupālā her teacher (ācharıyā).2 The brother and the sister, Bhikshu Mahēndra and Bhikshunī Sanghamitrā, both of whom belonged to the Theravada school of Buddhism, were destined to illumine the doctrine of the Buddha even like the sun and the moon.3 In about the 19th or 20th year of Aśōka's reign after his coronation, the wise Sanghamitrā with ten other capable blukshunis went from India to Ceylon during the reign of King Devānampiva Tissa and taught the three Pitakas in Anuradhapura. They succeeded in founding the Bhikshuni Order in the island of Lanka, Princess Anula with her following having received the ordination from Sanghamitra.4 The Diparanisa immortalises the names of a few other bhikshunis who had then received the Upasampadā Ordination in Ceylon.<sup>5</sup> The nunnery (bhikshunī-upassaya) in which Sanghamitrā dwelt with her company of bhikshunīs was known as the Upāsikā-vihāra consisting of twelve buildings.6 King Devānampiya Tissa caused to be erected a suitable nunnery for Sanghamitrā and other bhikshuņīs round about the Thūpārāma, which came to be known by the name of Hatthālhaka-vihāra.7

The state of things which prevailed in India regarding the bhikshunis after the reign of Aśōka, both before and during the Śuṅga-Mitra period, may be easily inferred from some of the donative inscriptions on the Sānchī Stūpa, the Bharhut Stūpa, and the Bodh-Gayā railings. These epigraphic records reveal the following facts concerning the Buddhist nuns, each of importance:—

- (1) That the nuns are mentioned generally as bhikhunis or bhichhunis, while the monks are honoured with such epithets as bhadamta, bhayamta, aya (ārya) and bhadamtaya, a fact which may not be unreasonably taken to indicate the inferior position accorded to the nuns as compared with the monks;8
- (2) that there are instances where a senior nun had junior nuns as female pupils under her<sup>9</sup> or a nun was a female pupil of a monk, 10 but none where a monk was a pupil under a nun;
- (3) that the nuns, precisely as the monks, either received Buddhistic names at the time of initiation and ordination<sup>11</sup> or were allowed to retain their quondam names, the names given by their parents or guardians;<sup>12</sup>
- (4) that the following localities are the various places or centres with which the nuns are associated: Ujeni (Ujjayinī), Kākandī, Kāchupatha (Kanchupatha, Kānchipatha?).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Dīpavamsu (ed. Oldenberg), VII, 22; Mahāvamsa (ed. P. T. S.), V, 209.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Mahāvamsa, V, 208.

<sup>\*</sup> Ibid., V, 211.

<sup>4</sup> Diparamsa, XVIII, 11-13, also XV, 79-80; Mahāvamsa, XIX, 64-65; Samantapāsādikā, pt. I, p. 101.

<sup>5</sup> Diparamsa, XVIII, 14-16.

<sup>•</sup> Mahāvamsa, XIX, 68-71.

<sup>7</sup> Ibid., XIX, 82-83.

Barua, Barhut, Bk. I, p. 45.

Lüders' List, Nos. 573 (Dhamadevā, antēvāsinī of Mitasiri), 589 (Mūlā, antēvāsinī of Gadā).

<sup>10</sup> Ibid., No. 38.

<sup>11</sup> Such names as Arahadāsī (*Arhaddās*ī), Arahadinā (*Arhaddattā*), Isidatā, Isidinā (*Rishidattā*), Isidāsī, Gotamī, Jitamitā (*Jitamitrā*), Diganāgā, (*Dinnāgā*), Dhamarakhitā, Dhamasirī, Budharakhitā, Sagharakhitā, Saṃghapālitā.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Such names as Devabhāgā, Chanḍā, Kāḍī, Chirātī (Kirātī), Yakhī, Sagarinā, Girigutā, Pusā (Pushyā), Asabhā (Rishabhā), Gaḍā (Ganḍā), Vāsavā, Ratinī, Sirī, Sihā, Suriyā.

Kāpāsigāma, Kurama, Kurara, Kuraraghara, Chudaṭhīla, Tumbavana, Nandinagara, Pemuta, Bhojakaṭa, Maḍalachhikaṭa (Maṇḍalākshikaṭa), Māhimsatī (Māhishmatī), Moragiri, Vāghumata, Vāḍivahana, and Vidisā.¹

In the two surviving inscriptions on the coping of the Bodh-Gayā railing Kurangī is introduced as the elderly wife of King Indrāgnimitra.<sup>2</sup> while in all the fifteen shorter inscriptions on the uprights of the same railing she is honoured as  $Ay\bar{a}$  Kurangī ( $\bar{A}ry\bar{a}$  Kurangī).<sup>3</sup> Having regard to the fact that in both Buddhist literature and inscriptions the epithet ayya or ayira ( $\bar{a}rya$ ) is applied to the name of a person who has attained Arhatship, it may be presumed that Kurangī passed a retired life as a  $bhikshun\bar{i}$  in her old age and that she was found to be in an advanced state of spirituality.<sup>4</sup>

Coming to such later period of Indian history as the Kushāṇa we shall expect in vain to come across many references to the bhikshunis in inscriptions. There is definitely one inscription only at Junnar Buddhist cave which records the erection of a nunnery (bhikhunī-upasaya) in the town for the residence of the bhikshunis of the Dharmottariya sect. So far as Mathura is concerned, we know of one inscription only, assigned to the reign of Huvishka, in which the Bhikshuni Dhanavatī, the sister's daughter of the Bhikshuṇī Buddhamitrā, is said to have set up a Bōdhisattva image at Mādhuravanaka (Māthuravana). This  $bhikshun\bar{\imath}$  is praised as one who knew the Tripitaka (Trepitikā) and introduced as the female pupil (antērāsinī) of the Bhikshu Bala who himself was a master of the three Pitakas (Trepitaka). It needs no mention that the sphere of influence of the Bhikshu Bala was not confined to Mathurā but extended to Śrāvastī and Sārnāth. At Amaravati, however, one may obtain as many as eight inscriptions which, too, go to prove that the Buddhist community continued to be constituted of bhikshus, bhikshunis, upāsakas and upāsikās. In all of them the bhikshuṇās, otherwise called samaṇikā and pavajitikā. figure as female donors. In one instance a bhikshuni, called Budhā, is described as the sister of the Thera Chetiyavandaka Bhadanta Budhi, and in two records the bhikshunis are introduced as the resident female pupils of two saintly theras, Budharakhitā of the Thera Bhadanta Budharakhita, and Nandā of the Arahata Ayira Budharakhita.10 One inscription speaks of Vasā (Vasyā) as a pavajitikā (pravrajitā) resident in Kevurura.11

The continuance of the Bhikshunī Order at Mathurā up till the 5th and 6th centuries of the Christian era is clearly attested by the testimony of Fa-Hien and that of a Sanskrit inscription. In speaking of Mo-tu-lo (Mathurā) Fa-Hien observes: "The bhikshunīs principally honour the tower of Ānanda, because it was Ānanda who requested the lord of the world to let women take orders: śrāmaņeras mostly offer to Rāhula."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Almost all the places were situated near about Sanchī and Bharhut.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Lüders' *List*, Nos. 943, 944.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., Nos. 939-42.

<sup>4</sup> Barua, Gayā and Buddha-Gayā, Vol. II, p. 67.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Lüders' List, No. 1152.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid., No. 38.

<sup>7</sup> Ibid., Nos. 1223, 1240, 1242, 1252, 1257, 1264, 1280, 1315.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Ibid., No. 1223.

<sup>9</sup> Ibid., No. 1250.

<sup>10</sup> Ibid., No. 1284.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Ibid., No. 1240.

<sup>32</sup> Beal, Buddhist Records of the Western World, Vol. I, p. xxxix.

A Sanskrit inscription, dated in the (Gupta) year 230 (=A.D. 549-50), records the religious gift of the Śākya-bhikshuṇī (Buddhist nun) Jayabhaṭṭā at a monastery called Yaśōvihāra.¹

So far as our present knowledge goes, this is the latest epigraphic record having either mention of or any reference to the *bhikshunīs*.

Hiuen Tsang who visited India during the reign of Harshavardhana has nothing whatever to say about the *bhikshuṇīs* in his Si-yū-ki. But Bāṇa in his Harshacharita puts the following words in the mouth of Rājyaśrī and Harshavardhana, which may be taken to testify to the existence of the Bhikshuṇī Order, however lingering it might be:

Rājyaśrī: "Let me therefore in my misfortunes be allowed to assume the red robe ".2"

Harshavardhana: "At the end, when I have accomplished my design, she and I will assume the red garments  $(k\bar{a}sh\bar{a}y\bar{a}ni)$  together."

Even apart from the evidence of Bāṇa's *Harshachari'a* it cannot be doubted that the Bhikshuṇī Order continued to exist, in some form or another, in India, though not among all Buddhist sects. The continuance of this order is unmistakably proved by the following observation of I-tsing whose visit may be assigned to the last quarter of the 7th century A.D.:

"Nuns in India are very different from those of China. They support themselves by begging food, and live a poor and simple life."4

At about this time, or a little later, flourished Bhavabhūti who included the Saugata-Parivrājikā Kāmandakī among the female characters in his famous drama Mālatī-Mādhara, together
with her three female pupils, Avalōkitā. Buddharakshitā, and Saudāminī, and Subandhu who, in
his Vāsavadattā, spoke of a bhikshukī as devoted to Tārā and as wearing red garments (bhikshuk=
īva Tār-ānurāga-rakt-āmbara-dhāriṇī). Bhavabhūti, be it noted, associates these Buddhist nuns
with the Śrīparvata in South India, and describes them as female ascetics who put on yellow robes
(chīra-chīrara-parichchhadā) and lived on piṇḍapūta only.

Tatakaragupta of unknown but late date is the Buddhist author, who, while speaking of Vajra-yāna or Agranaya Mahāyāna, observes that this school of Buddhism provided religious training for the bhikshus, the bhikshunīs, the śrāmanēras, the srāmanērās, the upāsakas and the upāsikās. I do not know of any Indian work. Brahmanical or Buddhist, containing references to the bhikshunīs in the 9th or 10th century A.D. It would seem that by that time the Bhikshunī Order became defunct in India, or that even if it had continued, it was just dragging its existence here and there among certain sects of the Buddhists. Eventually it ceased to be in India proper even prior to the Muslim conquest.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Fleet, C. I. I., Vol. III, pp. 273-74.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Harshacharıta (ed. S. D. Gajendragadkar), p. 247: atah kāshāya-grahan-ābhyanujñay-ānugrihyatām. Translation by Cowell and Thomas, p. 254.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Ibid. (translation), p. 258.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Takakusu, A Record of the Buddhist Practices, p. 80.

<sup>•</sup> Quoted by Haraprasād Śāstrī in the Vangīya Sāhitya Parishat-Patrikā, 1331 B. S., p. 62, from Tatakaragupta's Adikarma-rachanā: tatra upāsaka-upāsikā-śrāmanēra-bhikshu-śrāmanērī-šikshamānā-bhikshunī-tri-saptānām strī-purush-āśraya-bhēdāt=sapta-samrarāh.

<sup>\*</sup>This surmise is well borne out by the evidence of the Mahāvamsa and the Chūļavamsa. These two Pāli chronicles (Mahāvamsa, Ch. 18, v. 12; Ch. 19, v. 68; Ch. 20, vv. 21, 22, 49; Ch. 34, v. 36; Ch. 37, v. 43; Chūļavamsa, Ch. 39, v. 43; Ch. 46, v. 27; Ch. 48, vv. 36, 139; Ch. 49, v. 25; Ch. 54, v. 47) mention the pious work of erection of numeries (bhikkhunī-upassayā) in Ceylon from the time of Devānampiya Tissa to that of King Bhūmichanda (7th century A.D.). and nothing of the kind after that.

# No. 6.—AMBASAMUDRAM INSCRIPTION OF SOLANRALAIKONDA VIRA-PANDYA.

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The subjoined inscription is engraved on the south wall of the Erichchāvuḍaiyār shrine in the Siva temple, situated on the northern bank of the Tāmraparņī at Ambāsamudram, the headquarters of the taluk of the same name in the Tinnevelly District. This god who is called Tirupōttuḍaiya-Bhaṭāra (the god of the bull-vehicle) in early inscriptions, must have been the principal deity of the temple in the olden days, because several endowments of the Pāṇḍya kings Māṛañ-Jaḍaiyan and Śaḍaiya-Māṛan are found recorded on the walls of this shrine only.<sup>2</sup> But when the adjacent and more imposing Kāśi-Viśvanātha temple came into existence, apparently in the later Pāṇḍya times, this shrine appears to have shrunk into an insignificant auxiliary structure isolated in the north prākāra of the bigger temple. Further, during some extensive repairs carried out some fifty years ago, some of the engraved stones belonging to the present record have become disarranged, with the result that one piece containing the ends of lines 9 to 16 is now found embedded in the inner wall of the shrine, while another important slab which must have contained the ends of lines 1 to 8 cannot be traced at all.

The inscription is engraved in clean-cut **Vațțelutu** characters attributable to the 10th century A. D. **Grantha** letters have been used in the words  $Svasti \, Svi \, (l,1), \, Suvya-yvahaņa \, (l,11),$  and  $Bvahma^{\circ} \, (l,12)$ . The letters ta and va and consequently ta and va are written alike, without much differentiation. There are no special **orthographic** peculiarities noticeable in this record, except that some old forms of words occurring in other early Chōļa and Pāṇḍya records of this period are also found here, such as, i- $niadau \, (l,2)$  for i- $nnadau \, padava \, veli \, (l,3)$  for pattu- $veli \, and \, nali-um \, (l,15)$  for nalivum. The Sanskrit words  $acharya \, and \, svikava \, are transformed into <math>acharchehya \, (l,22)$  and  $svikava \, chehva \, (l,22)$ ; the colloquial form  $seysa \, for \, seyda \, is also used <math>(l,24)$ .

The record is dated in the 15+5th year of the Pāṇḍya king Śōlan-ralai-koṇḍa Vīra-Pāṇḍya, when an order issued in the 12th year of his reign was engraved on stone on the wall of the temple by his officer Chōlāntaka-Brahmamārāya. It is important in that it mentions the occurrence of a solar eclipse in the month of Mithuṇa in the 12th year of the Pāṇḍya king's reign, and enables us to fix that date.

From the inscriptions copied hitherto, it has not been possible to determine the exact years between which Vīra-Pāṇḍya reigned. All that we know is that the Chōļa king Parakēsarivarman Āditya-Karikāla II claims to have cut off the head of a Vīra-Pāṇḍya, in the title Vīra-Pāṇḍyaṇ-ralai-koṇḍa assumed by him from the 2nd year of his reign³, and that the highest regnal year so far found⁴ for Vīra-Pāṇḍya is 15+5 or 20.

The predecessor of Rājarāja I (A.F. 985-1013) on the Chōla throne was Parakēsarivarman Uttama-Chōla, whose date of accession was A.D. 969-70<sup>5</sup>, and as he had a reign of about 16 years, he must have ruled from A.D. 969-970 to 985-986. As both Āditya II and Uttama-Chōla had the same title of Parakēsarivarman, it had been inferred that they had ruled jointly in the interval

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> No. 101 of the Madras Epigraphical collection for 1905.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Nos. 105 of 1905 and 86 of 1907.

<sup>3</sup> No. 472 of the Madras Epigraphical collection for 1908 (S. I. I., Vol. III, No. 199).

<sup>•</sup> No. 474 of the Madras Epigraphical collection for 1909 is dated in the 15+4th year, while the present record quotes the 15+5th year.

<sup>\*</sup> S. I. I., Vol. III, p. 284 (No. 456 of 1908).

No. 357 of the Madras Epigraphical collection for 1907 (S. I. I., Vol. III, No. 144).

between Rājakēsari Sundara-Chōļa and Rājakēsari Rājarāja I. The Uḍaiyārguḍi record¹ dated in the 2nd year of Rājakēsarivarman (Rājarāja I) states that the lands belonging to some persons who were implicated in the death of Āditya-Karikāla were confiscated by the king; and it is reasonable to consider, from the trend of political events that attended the succession of Uttama-Chōļa, that he had himself countenanced this act of treachery, which led him a step nearer to the Chōļa throne. The Tiruvālaṅgāḍu² plates while slurring over the actual facts that culminated in Āditya's death make, however, the significant remark that 'Rājarāja did not wish to succeed to the Chōļa territory, so long as his uncle Uttama-Chōļa coveted it'. These facts suggest that Āditya must have been killed before Uttama-Chōļa's actual succession, and so Āditya II must have lived and ruled before A.D. 969-70.

The Leiden plates<sup>3</sup> of Rājarāja I mention that while yet a boy, he (Āditya) played sportively in battle with Vīra-Pāṇḍya, just as a lion's cub (does) with a rutting mad elephant, proud of (its) strength while the Tiruvālaṅgāḍu plates<sup>2</sup> are more explicit in stating that he killed the Pāṇḍya king (who must have been the same Vīra-Pāṇḍya) in battle,' and having deposited in his (capital) town the lofty pillar of victory, (viz.), the head of the Pāṇḍya king, Āditya disappeared (from this world) with a desire to see heaven'. From these statements, we can infer that Āditya II had won his military spurs even during the reign of his father and that he did not live for a long time after his own independent victory over his Pāṇḍya adversary. Though the title talai-koṇḍa assumed by kings, has, in some rare instances, been interpreted to connote a simple capture of the crown of their opponents, this specific statement in the Tiruvālaṅgāḍu plates warrants the conclusion that Vīra-Pāṇḍya literally lost his head, i.e., met his death, in his encounter with Āditya.<sup>5</sup> The highest regnal year found for Vīra-Pāṇḍya in the records so far copied is only 15—5, i.e., 20, and it was probably the last year of his reign. As the earliest year in which the title Vīra-Pāṇḍya coincided with the 2nd year of Āditya's reign.

Of Āditya's father Rājakēsarivarman Sundara-Chōļa, it is stated in the Leiden plates that he fought a fierce battle with his enemies at Ševvūr (Chēvūra), while the Kanyākumāri record mentions that the Pāṇḍya opponent of this king fled from the field of battle and hid himself in a forest. The earliest record of Sundara-Chōļa crediting him with this achievement in the title Pāṇḍiyaṇai-chchuram=iṇakhina is dated in his 7th year; and as he is considered to have reigned from about A.D. 956 to 973,8 this conflict with the Pāṇḍya king, who must have been Vīra-Pāṇḍya himself, could have taken place only in about A.D. 964. It seems probable therefore that the Pāṇḍya king was then simply defeated and routed, that he actually lost his life in another subsequent near engagement in which Āditya distinguished himself, and that this signal victory gave Āditya the title of Vīra-Pāṇḍiyaṇ-ṇalai-koṇḍa, in common with the two feudatories Pārthi-vēndravarman and Bhūti-Vikramakēsarin who must have both helped him in this exploit.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> No. 577 of 1920 and ante, Vol. XXI, p. 165.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> S. I. I., Vol. III, p. 420.

³ Ante, Vol. XXII, p. 256.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Prof. K. A. Nılakanta Sastri: The Colas, Vol. I, p. 169. This is not convincing.

<sup>\*</sup>No. 256 of 1907 from Tiruvidaimarudūr, dated in the 4th year of Āditya, states that 'he destroyed Vīra-Pāṇḍya and took his head' (Vīra-Pāṇḍyaṇai erindu talai konda).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Trav. Archl. Series, Vol. III, p. 156.

<sup>7</sup> No. 291 of 1908 : ante, Vol. XII, p. 126.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> The Colas, Vol. I, p. 180. No. 123 of 1895 is attributable to him and the astronomical details—17th year, Kumbha, Sunday. Rēvatī—give the equivalent A.D. 973, February 9, Sunday.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> No. 223 of 1915. Pārthivēndravarman's identity with Aditya II himself or with Prithvīpati II seems doubtful.

<sup>10</sup> No. 129 of 1907.

As stated already, a solar eclipse occurred in the month of Mithuna in the 12th year of Vīra-Pāṇḍya. In the period from A.D. 930 to 970, the only three years in which a solar eclipse occurred in Mithuna were:—

- (1) A.D. 950, June 18 (Mithuna 26), Tuesday,
- (2) A.D. 959, June 9 (Mithuna 17), Thursday, and
- (3) A.D. 960, May 28 (Mithuna 5), Monday.

If the week-day on which the eclipse occurred or the nakshatra which was current on that day had been specified in the present record, it would have been possible to verify the exact date referred to; but in their absence we shall have to select a plausible equivalent, only by a process of elimination.

If we suppose that A.D. 950 was the 12th year of Vira-Pandya's reign, it would give A.D. 957 as his final year, and as this will have corresponded to the 2nd year of Aditva, the Chola king's date of accession would be A.D. 956. This would yield the inconsistent results that Aditva killed him in A.D. 957, and that his predecessor Sundara-Chola defeated him in A.D. 963; so this date of accession for Aditya is not possible. Similarly, A.D. 960 which would yield A.D. 967 as the 20th year of Vīra-Pāṇḍya and the 2nd year of  $\bar{A}$ ditya and A.D. 966 as  $\bar{A}$ ditya's date of accession, may have also to be discarded, because in that case Aditva's reign which extended to the 5th year would overlap into the reign of his successor Uttama-Chōla (accession A.D. 969-70), which is not possible, since, as stated already, Aditya II should have passed away before Uttama-Chōla could have succeeded him. On the other hand, if we take A.D. 959 as the 12th year of Vīra-Pāndya. his 20th year and Aditya's 2nd year would have corresponded to A.D. 966, giving A.D. 964-5\* as Aditya's initial year. This date would satisfy the presumption that his fight with Vira-Pāndva could have happened in about A.D. 966, which would be only a year later than the defeat of the Pandya ruler at Sundara-Chola's hands in about A.D. 964 before the 7th year of the latter's reign, and that a five-vear rule for Aditva II could also be accounted for between A.D. 965 and 969. These results may be tabulated thus:—

	Vīra-Pāṇḍya`s 12th year.	Vîra-Pāṇḍya's 20th year =Āditya's 2nd year.	Aditya's accession.	Vīra-Pāṇḍya's accession.
l	950	957	956	938
2	959	966	965	947
3	960	967	966	948

Of these three dates, No. 2 may therefore be considered as the best suited for the record under review, and it would yield A. D. 947 to 966 as the period of reign of Vīra-Pāṇḍya. His position in the Pāṇḍyan genealogy may be taken to be between Rājasimha³, who was defeated by Parāntaka I before A.D. 922, and Amarabhujaṅga⁴, whom Rājarāja claims to have conquered.

The Pāṇḍya king himself claims to have taken the head of a Chōla, as evidenced by the title Sōlan-ralai-konḍa assumed by him from the 6th year onwards (i.e., from A.D. 953-54). Who

 $<sup>^1</sup>$  As there is only one record of the  $15\pm5$ th year, it has been inferred that he died in the beginning of that regnal year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Three records of Aditya II from Udaiyārgudi in the South Arcot District furnish astronomical details which would approximately take the date of his accession to the end of A.D. 963. This point requires further examination in the light of future discoveries.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Udavēndiram plates of Prithivīpati II (S. I. I., Vol. II, p. 387).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> S. I. I., Vol. III, p. 387, where he is taken to be a Pāṇdya king. We have no means of determining this at present.

No. 163 of the Madras Epigraphical collection for 1894.

this Chola king was, who was killed by Vīra-Pāṇḍya the Cholantaka, has not been specified by name in any of his records. Sundara-Chōļa was called 'Ponmāligait-tuñjiṇa-dēva' (the king who died at the golden palace or at Chidambaram known as the Kanakasabhā?)1, but he could not have been the victim, because records going up to the 17th year (=A.D. 973) are found for him. Arinjaya, the predecessor of Sundara-Chola, was called 'Arrur-tunjina-deva' (he who died at Arrur); but the circumstances that led to his death at that place are not known. As a pailippadai was erected for him at Mēlpādi² in the Chittoor District, it may be inferred that he fell fighting in one of the skirmishes with the army of the Rashtrakūta king Krishna III in that locality. There is reason to believe that he lived a few years later than A.D. 953. Gandarāditva was called Mērkelundaruļiņa-dēva' (he who proceeded west)3. but he could not have been Vīra-Pāṇḍya's adversary, because, having probably succeeded as yuvarāja coregent soon after the death of prince Rājāditya in A.D. 949-50 and with records of the 8th year definitely assignable to him, he would have lived up to A.D. 957-8 at least. In addition to all these, there was another Chola prince of this time called Uttamaśīli, who is mentioned in two records dated in the 24th and 26th years of his father Parantaka's reign; but we know next to nothing about him and his career, except that a village and a channel in the Trichinopoly District were named after him.

According to the calculation arrived at above, Vîra-Pāṇḍya must have assumed the title of Solan-ralai-konda from about A.D. 953-54; and this date coincides with the 46th or 47th year of the reign of Parantaka I. Parantaka's records of the 46th year are only two in number and none of his 47th year has been discovered yet. It is therefore tempting to conclude that it was the last year of the Chola king's reign and that it was Parantaka himself who had lost his life at the hands of Vīra-Pāṇḍya,7 thus giving the latter an opportunity to avenge the defeat and possibly the death of his father (?)8 Rajasimha at the Chola king's hands, some years earlier. It was left to Āditya II to follow up the family vendetta by killing Vīra-Pāṇḍya in his turn in about A.D. 966. These conclusions appear to be warranted by the sequence of events that happened in the eventful half-a-century preceding the accession of Rājarāja I in A.D. 985. There is, however, one solitary Kannada records at Vanamaladinne in the Punganur taluk of the Chittoor District, situated in the northern-most border of the Chola dominion of the time, which quotes the 48th year of Parantaka's reign; and this has perhaps to be explained by supposing that the recent news of the death of the Chola king had not percolated so far north, at the time that record was incised. This need not surprise us, as such instances are not unknown in the history of this period.

As regards the subject-matter of the record, it is stated that in the 15+5th year of Śōlan-ralai-konda Vīra-Pāṇdya. Chōlāntaka-Brahmamārāyar, the officer of the king (adikāram-śeykuṇra) receiving the royal order relating to a gift of 10 rēli of land as kuḍinīngā-dēvadāṇam

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> That tribute 'he who died in the Ponmāligai 'has no point, unless it be that some important fact connected with Sundara-Chōla's death was sought to be expressed by it. Could Uttama-Chōla have had any hand in his removal as certainly he must have had in Aditya II's death?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> S. I. I., Vel. III, No. 17.

<sup>3</sup> No. 540 of the Madras Epigraphical collection for 1920.

<sup>\*</sup> Nos. 570 and 574 of 1908. The dates suggested in The Colus, Vol. I, have been followed.

Nos. 446 of 1917 and 19 of 1895.

<sup>\*</sup> Uttamaśili-chaturvedimangalam (No. 359 of 1924) and Uttamaśili-vaykkal (No. 169 of 1907).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Vîra-Pāṇḍya must have encountered the Chôla king in some southern campaign only. It may also have to be noted that Vîra-Pāṇḍya's records are not found very much to the north of Madura.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> In No. 122 of 1905 from Tiruppudaimarudūr in the Tinnevelly District dated in the 2+18th year of a Sadaiya-Māran (Rājasimha), a servant of a Vīra-Pāṇdya is mentioned.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> This record (No. 200 of 1931-32) reads thus in its date portion—Madura-gonda Go-Parakesari nalvattentage.

made by the king earlier in his 12th regnal year to the temple of Tiruppōttuḍaiya-Bhaṭāra, had it engraved on stone in that temple. This officer figures in an inscription¹ of the king dated in the 15+4th year at Suchīndram in the Travancore State, where his name has been incorrectly read as Chērāntaka-Brahmārāyar. Chōṭāntaka (Death to the Chōṭa) was evidently the title assumed by Vīra-Pāṇḍya to commemorate the act of his having cut off the head of the Chōṭa king (Sōṭan-ralai-koṇḍa), and this may have been adopted by the officer Chōṭāntaka-Brahmamārāyar, either because he had also taken part in the encounter himself or simply after the title of his master. A liquid-measure called 'Chōṭāntakaṇ-nāṭi' was also current in this period in the Pāṇḍya country. Vīra-Pāṇḍya is said to have had also the title of Pāṇḍimārttāṇḍa,² 'the Sun of the Pāṇḍya family'; but this title was in vogue even earlier in the time of Śaḍaiya-Māraṇ² (Rājasimha).

The names of the several revenue officials who were cognisant of the endowment made to the temple of Tiruppōttuḍaiya-Bhaṭāra are enumerated:

- 1. The officer who was supervising the king's secretariat duties in the 12th year (en-karmam= ārāchch: mēl=eļuttu śeykinga)³ was Tamiļavēļāņ⁴ belonging to Kāḍandai community (?);
  - 2. the ēvi-mudal was Araiyan Mānābharanan;
  - 3. the ōlai-eļuttu was an officer, whose name is lost;
- 4. the  $v\bar{a}yk\bar{e}\underline{l}vi$  was [Chū]ļāmaņi-kiļavaņ of Mēyūr alias Kuvalaiyasinganallūr in Aṇḍa-nāḍu; and
- 5. the bandāra-ppottagam was Vikramapāndya-Mūvēndavēlān alias Kattinakkan Iranan of Veliyārrūr in Kīl-Kundāru in Koluvūr-kūrram.
  - 6. The original document was attested and engraved by Pullan-Korran; and
- 7. the engraving of the record in the 15+5th year of the king was done under the supervision of Dēvan-Kirinan, the  $\hat{srikaryam}$  of the temple.

From the surnames of two of these officers (Nos. 2 and 5), we can infer that there were Pāṇḍya princes having the names of Mānābharaṇa<sup>5</sup> and Vikrama-Pāṇḍya even before Vīra-Pāṇḍya's time. Another record<sup>6</sup> of this king testifies to the existence before this period of another prince Sundara-Pāṇḍya, in whose name a shrine called Sundarapāṇḍyēśvaram was erected at Pallimaḍam in the Ramuad District.

The details of the scale of offerings, etc., that had to be provided for from the endowment registered in this document are given at some length:

For one day-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Travancore Archaeological Series, Vol. III, p. 71. An officer called Chōṭāntaka-Pallavaraiyan alias Māraṇ-Āchchan of Pōṭiyūr is mentioned in another record from the same place (*ibid.*, p. 72).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> An. Rep. on South Indian Epigraphy for 1932-3, para. 30; and No. 122 of 1305.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The functions of the several officials are not clearly definable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> An officer of the name of Tennavan Tamilavēl figures in records of this king from Kīlmāttūr, Madura District (Nos. 624 and 626 of 1926), and he was probably identical with this officer.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> No. 26 of 1895 from Tillaisthānam (Tanjore District) mentions a Mānābharaṇa in the 8th year of a Parakēsanvarman. It may be noted that there were also later members of the Pāṇḍya family with the same set of names of Mānābharaṇa, Vikrama-Pāṇḍya and Sundara-Pāṇḍya, who were contemporaries of Rājādhirāja I in A.D. 1046.

<sup>•</sup> No. 421 of 1914 of the Madras Epigraphical collection.

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2 nāli :
   to god Ganapativar
                                                                   49 nāli of rice
                          i.e., in all
                                                                    1 kalam, 9 kuruni and 2 nali of paddy.
   or (its equivalent of)
                                                                 680 and odd kalam of paddy.
For one year-it will be
The land set apart for the several requirements of the temple were-
                                                                . **+ 30+ 10 vēli,
   for the stipulated quantity of paddy .
   for the acharva Munnurruvan-Sendan .
                                                                . l vēli.
                                                                . 1 vēli.
   for the kanakka-bandāram Šōlai-Viru. ...
                                                               1\frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{10} v\bar{e}li,
   for eight men-servants (m\bar{a}n) . . .
   for ten men (uvaichchar) . . . .
                                                                . 11 vēli,
                                                               . ½0 vēli,
   for the śrīkāryam (for 4 nāli of rice per day)
                                                                . 32 vēli,
   for the potter (ku \dot{s} a van) . . .
                                                                . 🚎 vēli,
   for the firewood supplier (virakiduvān)
   for sweeping (tirumelukkuppuram)1 .
                                                                . 2 vēli,
                                                                . 🚉 vēli.
   for the washerman (irangolli)2 .
                                                                . 1 vēli.
   for festivals (tiruvi lappuram)3 .
   and for the architect Manabharanan-Sendan who erected (?)
        the temple, as pudukkuppuram4.
                                                                . 1 vēli :
                                                                . 10 vēli.
   in all,-the extent of the land endowed was
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At the end it is stated that this arrangement was made by Cholantakadevar.

Among the place-names mentioned in the record, Iļaṅgōykkuḍi was the ancient name of Ambāsamudram. It was a brahmadēya in Mulli-nāḍu. Raṇaśiṅga-maṅgalam, a village perhaps founded by or named after an unidentified Pāṇḍya king having the title of Raṇasiṁha, was situated in the sub-division called Maṇalūr-kkuļakkīļi, which was probably irrigated by the tank at Maṇalūr. Kuvalayaśiṅganallūr was in the sub-division called Aṇḍa-nāḍu which is represented by Periyakōṭṭai and its vicinity in the Madura District. The temple of Tirumū-lanāthar referred to in this record is situated to the west of the Erichchāvuḍaiyār temple at Ambāsamudram.

#### TEXT.

- 1 Svasti Śrī [\*] Śōlaṇ-[ra]lai-koṇḍa Kō-Vīra-Pāṇḍi[yadēvarku] yāṇḍu paṇṇiraṇḍu ivv-āṇḍu Mithuna-[ŭā]yigru Sūrya<sup>6</sup>. . . . . .
- 2 Mullināţţu brahmadēyam Ilangöykkudi Tiruppöttudaiya-Bhaţāra[r\*]kku i-hhāţţu Valudi-ūr . . . . . . .
- 3 āru-pāchchal nilan padirņu vēli pa[di]rru vēlium kudigaļidu kārā[ņ\*]mai=āgavum Dēvaridu mī<sup>7</sup> . . . . . .

<sup>1</sup> Tirumelukkuppuram—this duty included sweeping, as well as smearing the temple premises with the purificatory cowdung.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Irangolli is an interesting name for a washerman, 'he who takes off the wet from clothes'.

<sup>3</sup> Tiruvi lappuram is the provision made for the conduct of festivals in the temple.

<sup>•</sup> Pudukku means 'renovation'; but the architect is stated to have śeyśa or erected (?) the shrine. As earlier records are found in the shrine, the shrine was perhaps begun earlier and completed only at the time of the record.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The expression 'Māḍakkulakkil Madurai' occurring elsewhere has been taken as 'Madurai to the east of Māḍakkulam'. But from similar expressions—Vēlūr-kulakkil Śrikundadēvi-chaturvēdimangalam (No. 740 of 1919), Māḍakkulakkil Kōḍimangalam, and Vīranārāyaṇa-kulakkil Pulinguṇrūr (No. 49 of 1890), we have to infer that no directional significance is indicated, but that the particular villages were included in the ayacut of the respective irrigation sources, which gave their name to the sub-divisions. In the Śinṇamaṇūr plates also Rājasimha-kulakkil is mentioned as the name of a territorial sub-division (Rājasimhakkuļakkīl ityuktē rāshtrē)—S. I. I., Vol. III, p. 453.

<sup>·</sup> Probably ograhanatti nanru.

<sup>7</sup> Probably mīyātchiyāgavum dēva -.

- 4 tāṇamāga urubu[po]ṇ¹ maṇravāri uṭpaḍa eṅ-karmam ārāchchi mēl=eluttu-chcheykiṇra-Ma[ha] . . . . .
- 5 grattu Kādandaikudippādi=tTamilavēļān-āyi[na] . . . . . .
- 6 nādum Maņalūr-kkuļakkīļ Iraņasinga-mangalattu-p . . . . .
- 8 m [ōlai-eļu]tt=āgavum Aṇḍa-nāṭṭu Kuvalaiyaśiṅganallūr āyiṇa Mēyūr Tiruppattūr . .
- 9 <sup>2</sup>ļāmaņi-kiļavaņ **vā[y\*]kēļv**i-āgavum Koļuvūr-kkūrrattu Kīl-Kuņdārru Veļiyārrūr Vik[kira]-mapāņdiya-Mūvēnda-
- 10 [vē]ļāņ-āyiņa Kaṭṭinakkaṇ Ira[ṇa]ṇ baṇḍāra-ppottagam=āgavum Iļaṅgōykkuḍi Tiruppō-ttuḍaiya [Pa]ramēśu[ra]-Paḍārar kōyilil irundu
- 11 [pa]nnirandām=āndu Mithuna-ñāyirru Sūrya-grahanatti[nānru]<sup>3</sup> ivv=āndin edir= āndu-mudal kudinīngā-ttē[va]tāna[m\*]-āga kuduttōm [i\*] tānga-
- 12 [lum] idu kaṇḍu pārpaḍuttu-kkuḍukka [l\*] Pullaṅ-Korraṇ eluttu [l\*] eṇra i-ttirumugappaḍi koṇḍu adikārañ-śeykiṇra Chōlāntaka-[Bra]hmamārāyar i-ppadir-
- 13 ru vēliyaiy nivandam adaichchapadi kalmēl eļuttu veṭṭuga eṇru padiṇ-añjām yāṇḍiṇ edir añjām yāṇḍu śrīkārya[m\*] peṛṛa Ba-
- 14 . . māṇaṇukku amachchu i-tTiruppōttuḍaiya-Dēvarkku śrīkārya[m\*] śeykiṇra Dēvaṇ-Kiriṇaṇ śolla kalmē[l\*] eļuttu veṭṭṇapaḍi [.\*] Tiru-
- 15 ppõttudaiya-Dēvarkku nängu-põdaikku ari[śi\*] muppattiru-nāliüm anna-balikku ariśi arunāliüm kari-amidukku ari-
- 16 [śi] nāliüm Tiruvēńkaṭanilai-tTēvarkku niśadi ariśi nā-nāliüm TirumūlattāṇattutTēvarkku niśadi ariśi nā-nā-
- 17 [li]üm Gaņavatiyārkku ariśi iru-nāliüm ē[r]ri niśadi ari[śi\*] nārpatt-onpadi-nāliüm āga o<sup>5</sup>. . .
- 18 . . . . . kku nel=kkalanēy onbadin-kuruņi iru-nāliy=uri ōr=āṭṭaikku nel a[runū]rru-enbat-te<sup>6</sup> . . . . .
- 19 <sup>7</sup>yeṭṭu mā-kkāṇiyum āchārchchiyaṇ Muṇṇūrruvaṇ-Śēndaṇukku nilaṇ araiyum [|\*] kaṇakka-baṇḍāram śeykiṇra Śōlai-Viru . . . . . periyāṇukku nilaṇ araiyu [m l\*] [mā]-
- 20 n ettinukku nilan onr=araiyē yirandu-mā [l\*] ivarruļ Munnūrruvan-Sēndan-udaiya mān mūnrum Munnūrruvan-Periyān mān=onrum Kasanāk-8
- 21 kalan-uḍaiya mā=ṇālum [i\*] Dēvar paduvāram ēlill=oṇru uvaichchagaļukkum puḍavai-mudal=āgavum [i\*] aru-kūrum eṭṭu-māṇukkum puḍavai-mudal=āgavum [i\*] uvaich[cha]-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This expression is not understood. Can it be ūridu pon?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The full name probably is Chülämani.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> An alternative reading is °atti[n podu].

<sup>4</sup> This was read on the stone.

<sup>\*</sup> The missing letters are probably "ru nāļttēvai.

<sup>•</sup> There is some discrepancy in the calculation of the annual requirements.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Between lines 18 and 19 are visible the syllables Svasti érî apparently belonging to another record, which apparently had been erased so as to make room for the present inscription.

<sup>•</sup> This word is written over an erasure.

- 22 n. Gaņapati Kumāradi mudal pattāļukku nilam oņņe-kāl [|\*] śrīkā[r\*]chchiyam ārāivāņukku niyadam ariśi nā-nālivināl nilam ēļu-mā [|\*] kuśavaņukku ni-
- 23 lam iraņģu-mā [;\*] virakiģuvāņukku nilam=iraņģu-mā [\*] tirumeļukkuppura[m\*] nilam=iraņģu-mā [;\*] īraṅ[ko]llikku nilam=ira[n]ḍu-mā [;\*] tiruviļāppuram ni-
- 24 lan vēli [\*\*] pudukkuppira[m\*] i-ttirukkarralai šeyša āchāriyan Mānābharanan- Šēndanukku nilan kālum āga nilan padirru-vē-
- 25 liyum chandir-ādittavalañ chelvadāga vaittār **Chōļāntakadēv**ar [||\*] Idu paṇ-Māhēśvarar rakshai [||\*]

# No. 7.—KANTERU PLATES OF SALANKAYANA VIJAYA-SKANDAVARMAN.

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In 1924-25, the Assistant Archæological Superintendent for Epigraphy, Madras, secured three sets of copper-plates belonging to the family of Śālankāyana-Mahārājas, of which two were received from Mr. Challa Jagannatha Pantulu, Assistant Editor, Andkra-Patrikā, Madras and the third from Mr. M. Somasekhara Sarma of the Telugu Encyclopedia office.1 The first two are stated to have been found buried underground in the village called Kanteru in the Guntur taluk, Guntur District, while the third was discovered underground at Pedda-Vēgi near Ellore in the Kistna (now West Godavari) District. Of the two records discovered at Kantēru, one is a charter of Mahārāja Vijaya-Skandavarman and the other of Mahārāja Nandivarman. The Pedda-Vēgi copper-plates belong to the Sālankāyana-Mahārāja Nandivarman and give the genealogy of the king for three generations before him. This last-mentioned charter has been published with plates in the Journal of the Andhra Historical Research Society as well as in the Telugu monthly Bhāratī for Raktākshin, Śrāvaṇa (1924) in which the genealogy of the Śālańkāyanas is discussed at some length. The two Kanteru plates have been published by the late Mr. K. V. Lakshmana Rao in the Journal of the Andhra Historical Research Society but without facsimiles of plates and seal. None of the seals of this family known so far contains a clear relief figure of the emblem, and the quadruped faintly seen on the seal of the Ellore Prakrit Plates of Vijava-Dēvavarman has been surmised to be a tiger. But the seal of the present grant is fairly wellpreserved and shows distinctly the figure of the animal on it as a couchant bull. As the genealogical arrangement and to a certain extent also the text of the inscription given by Mr. Rao require revision, I re-edit the Kanteru plates of Vijaya-Skandavarman with the kind permission of the Superintendent for Epigraphy.

While editing the two sets of Kantēru plates in the Journal of the Andhra Historical Research Society Mr. Lakshmana Rao who was the first to examine the plates, with seal, assigned the seal of the present grant to the set of king Vijaya-Nandivarman instead of to that of Vijaya-Skandavarman as noticed in the Annual Report on South Indian Epigraphy for 1924-25. This raised a doubt about the correctness of the description given in the Annual Report and to clear it and make a comparative study of the known seals of the family, I obtained on loan, through the kind

<sup>1</sup> Nos. 1-3 of Appendix A of the Madras Epigraphical Report for 1924-25.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Vol. I, pp. 92 ff. An indistinct plate of the seal of the present record is published here. But see foot-note 1, p. 43, below.

<sup>\*</sup> Vol. V, pp. 21 ff.

offices of the Superintendent for Epigraphy, the original plates with seal of the two Kantēru sets as well as the Ellore Prākrit Plates of Vijaya-Dēvavarman from the Superintendent, Government Museum, Madras. On examination I found that the seal attached to the plates of Vijaya-Skandavarman bore the distinct figure of a couchant bull with a partially indistinct legend which, as stated below, indisputably mentions Mahārāja Skanda[varman]. Hence the description given by Mr. Lakshmana Rao has to be revised since the legend conclusively proves that the seal belonged to Vijaya-Skandavarman and not to Vijaya-Nandivarman. It may be observed here that the seal of Nandivarman of the Kantēru plates though badly worn out can be made out to represent a couchant bull with a seated figure at the top which looks like Siva wearing a crown and with four (?) arms, while the figure on the seal of the Ellore Prākrit plates looks like a tiger or lion. The wavy line representing the clouds which is prominently visible in the present grant is partially seen below the bull in the seal of the Kantēru plates of Nandivarman described above.

The subjoined grant consists of four thin copper-plates strung together on a ring of the same metal passing through a narrow hole at the proper right margin of the plates. To the ring is firmly attached a circular copper seal with the figure of a couchant bull facing the proper right cut in relief on its slightly concave face. At the top of the bull is seen what looks like a linga sheltered by a triple-hooded serpent, with an ankuśa-like object to the proper left and a lamp-stand and a fly-whisk (?) to the proper right. Below the bull is a wavy line which may be taken to represent a cloud line as is conventionally done in sculptures and paintings. In the right portion of the seal along the fringe are some worn-out letters in relief of which the syllables Mahā[rā]ja [S]kanda can be made out.<sup>2</sup> The plates are damaged on account of age and the first line at the top of the second plate has broken away. Also some small holes are found on the plates owing to the corrosion of the metal. The plates measure  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches long and  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inches broad. The hole through which the ring passes has a diameter of  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch and the diameter of the ring holding the plates is 2 inches. The diameter of the seal is also 2 inches. The plates with ring and seal together weigh  $36\frac{1}{2}$  tolas. They are now purchased and deposited in the Government Museum, Madras.

The alphabhet belongs to an archaic variety of the Kanarese and Telugu script prevalent in the east between 3rd and 6th centuries A.D. In general appearance, it resembles the one found in the Ellore Prākrit plates and the Ömgödu grant of Skandavarman II and is more archaic than the writing of the three grants of Simhavarman. The following are a few noteworthy points in the palæography of the record: (1) there is no loop to distinguish t from n which is generally found in the three grants of Simhavarman, the Pedda-Vēgi plates of Nandivarman II and the Vishņukuṇḍin charters. As in the Hīrahaḍagalli and Ellore Prākrit plates the t is distinguished from n by a slight curve at the right; cf.  $p\bar{a}d\bar{a}nudhy\bar{a}tasya$  (l. 2),  $^{o}nup\bar{a}lit\bar{a}$  (l. 15),  $t\bar{a}ny=\bar{e}va$  (ll. 18 f.), etc. The Kantēru plates of Nandivarman, however, mark the loop both for t and n without distinction. As first members of a consonant group, both t and n of the present grant look the same as in the Hīrahaḍagalli and Ellore plates, see for instance,  $datt\bar{a}$  (l. 15) and  $^{o}mant\bar{a}$  (l. 18). (2) The exceptionally looped archaic y from which the one with a small circle or curve at

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Mr. R. Subba Rao who has published an indistinct print of this seal along with his article on the Pedda-Vēgi plates of Nandivarman in the *Journal of the Andhra Historial Research Society*, Vol. I, pp. 92 ff., follows Mr. Rao and wrongly considers the seal as that of Nandivarman of the Kantēru plates.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> [Except the syllables mahā and the bull and the line beneath it nothing else, including the name of the king, is visible in the photograph of the seal.—Ed.]

<sup>3</sup> Above, Vol. IX, pp. 56 ff.

<sup>4</sup> Above, Vol. XV, pp. 249 ff.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Pīkira (above, Vol. VIII, p. 159), Uruvupalli (Ind. Ant., Vol. V, p. 50) and Māngaļūr (ibid., p. 154) grants.

<sup>•</sup> Above, Vol. I, pp. 2 ff.

the left is apparently derived is found here alongside the unlooped linear y as in the plate of Vijaya-Dēvavarman; cf. Sālankāyana (l. 3), Sivāryyāya (l. 8), maryyādayā (l. 10), vishaya (l. 12) and sagōtrāya (l. 7), vāstavyāya (l. 8), niyukt-āyuktaka (l. 11). The plates are numbered like the pages¹ of a modern book with the numerical symbols for 2 to 6 on the left margin, the first side of the first plate being marked with the symbol for ōm as in the Ellore plates of Vijaya-Dēvavarman. The numerals 1, 2 and 3 appear also in the three grants of Simhavarman where they indicate a definitely later development in their shape. In the present set, each engraved side contains three lines of writing except that the first and the last plates are engraved on one side only, the latter having four lines.

The record is written in Sanskrit prose with two of the usual imprecatory verses at the end. The language is simple and business-like and the formula or the draft of the preamble, Mahārāja-śrī-Vijaya-Skandavarmmaņō vachanēna Kudrāhāra-Chintapurē grāmēyakāh vaktavyāh (ll. 3-5), resembles closely that employed in the Ellore Prākrit plates of Dēvavarman<sup>2</sup> and the Mattēpād plates of Dāmödaravarman<sup>3</sup> belonging to the period of transitional Prākrit, as well as the one found in the Ōmgōdu grant of Vijaya-Skandavarman II4 and the Uruvupalli grant of Yuva-Mahārāja Vishņugopavarman.5 which are assigned to the time of the earliest Sanskrit charters of the Pallavas. The inscription is dated on the full-moon day of Vaisākha in the first year (in words, ll. 13 f.) of the Mahārāja Vijaya-Skandavarman (ll. 3 f.) who issued this grant from Vēngī (l. 1) and addressed it to the villagers of Chintapura in the district of Kudrāhāra (ll. 4-5).6 The donee was one Sivāryya of the Maudgalya-gōtra, a resident of the village Lēkumārī (ll. 7-8), who received the village (i.e., Chintapura) exempt from all imposts (ll. 8-9). The king is described as the Sālankāyana, the meditator on the feet of the holy Chitrarathasvāmin and one devoted to the feet of Bappabhattāraka. He does not bear the epithet either Parama-Māhēśvara borne by Dēvavarman or Parama-Bhāgavata assumed by Nandivarman of the Kantēru', Kollēru's and Pedda-Vēgi plates.

Of the five copper-plate records of the Sālankāyana family known so far, the Pedda-Vēgi plates of Nandivarman alone give the genealogy for four generations as follows:—Hastivarman-Mahārāja, his son Nandivarman-Mahārāja, his son Chaṇḍavarman-Mahārāja and his eldest son Mahārāja Nandivarman II, Parama-Bhāgavata. Since the ājñapti in these as well as in the Kollēru plates is the same person Mūlakura-bhōjaka, the two Nandivarmans might be identical with each other. Now, Nandivarman of the Kantēru plates (Set II) may, from the likeness of names, be identified with either Nandivarman I or Nandivarman II of the above genealogy, preferably with the former, since the script employed in his charter is more angular and antique than the one found in the Pedda-Vēgi and Kollēru plates, which is rounded and more developed. Vaingēyaka Hastivarman mentioned in the Allahābād pillar inscription as the contemporary of Samudragupta (middle of the 4th century A.D.) might be Hastivarman, the great-grandfather of Nandivarman II mentioned above. He must have been preceded by Vijaya-Dēvavarman

Other instances bearing numerical symbols on the margin of plates are: (1) The British Museum plates of Chārudēvī (above, Vol. VIII, p. 143) of which iia and iib are marked by 2 and 3 like the pages of a book, (2) The Ellore Prākrit plates (ibid., Vol. IX, p. 56), and (3) the Mattēpād plates of Dāmodaravarman (ibid., Vol. XVII, p. 327).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Text, lines 6-8.

<sup>\*</sup> Text, lines 3 and 4.

<sup>4</sup> Text, lines 8-10.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Text, lines 16-17.

 <sup>[</sup>See f. n. 5 on p. 46.—Ed.]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Journal of the Andhra Historical Research Society, Vol. V, pp. 27 ff.

<sup>\*</sup> Ind. Ant., Vol. V, p. 175.

whose grant is worded in Prākrit since the inscription of Samudragupta whose contemporary Hastivarman was, is couched in chaste classical Sanskrit. From the similarity of script and phraseology adopted in the present grant with those found in the Prākrit plates of Vijaya-Dēvavarman and the Ömgōdu grant of Vijaya-Skandavarman II as well as the Uruvupalli grant of Simhavarman II, it may safely be said that Vijaya-Skandavarman of the present record flourished close after Vijaya-Dēvavarman and some time during the period of the above-mentioned Pallava Sanskrit charters, and was evidently a predecessor or an elder contemporary of Hastivarman. The arrangement of the Śālańkāyana genealogy given in the Annual Report on South Indian Epigraphy for 1924-25 which follows the one worked out by the late Mr. K. V. Lakshmana Rao is not tenable since Vijaya-Nandivarman (correctly Vijaya-Skandavarman) and Yuva-mahārāja Buddhavarman of the so-called Elliot's unpublished grant accommodated in it, do not belong to the Śālańkāyana family.

The territory of the Sālankāyanas consisted of Kudrāhāra-vishaya and Vēngī which lav to the north of the Krishna river. We know from the Mayidavolu plates that Dhannakada was included in the kingdom of Pallava Sivaskandavarman. The two Omgodu grants of Skandavarman II and Simhavarman respectively and the Chendalür plates of Kumāra-Vishņu mention Kammarāshtra in which some lands were granted, while according to the Māngadūr grant of Simhavarman, the Pallava territory contained a division called Vengorashtra. It is quite likely that during the time of Sivaskandavarman of the Mayidavõlu plates also, the Andhrā-patha comprised the two divisions Vēngorāshtra and Kammarāshtra. If Vēngorāshtra is identical with the Vengi-vishaya of later inscriptions, the Pallava territory would, then, include the modern districts of Kistna, Guntur and Nellore, while the country to the north of the Krishna was for some time at least ruled by the Sālankāyanas. The fact that Vijaya-Dēvavarman calls himself the performer of a horse-sacrifice points to his having raised himself to the status of an independent monarch after overcoming all his enemies among whom the Pallava must have been included. The rebellion of the Śālankāyana king against the Pallava overlord appears to have synchronised with the rise of Kadamba Mayūraśarman in the vicinity of Śrīśailam and his carving out a semiindependent kingdom at Vaijayanti in the beginning of the 4th century A.D.

Among the **places** mentioned in the record, **Vēngī** is generally identified with Pedda-Vēgī³ near Ellore; **Kudrāhāra** which is probably the same as Kudūrahāra of the Koṇḍamuḍi plates

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> [As the palæography of the present plates of Skandavarman closely resembles that of the Pedda-Vēgi plates of Nandivarman II, Mr. Panchamukhi's arguments, mainly based on palæography, for placing Skandavarman long before Nandivarman cannot be accepted as certain. Until more reliable evidence can be found, it will not be possible to determine the position of Skandavarman in the genealogy of the Sālaṅkāyana family. (See also Mr. D. C. Sircar's 'Successors of the Sātavāhanas', pp. 59-60, in the Journal of the Department of Letters of the University of Calcutta, Vol. XXVI.)—Ed.]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> While editing the Kollēru plates (Ind. Ant., Vol. V, p. 175), Fleet considered it as a Śālankāyana grant. But subsequently he edited it in Ind. Ant., Vol. IX, p. 100, where he corrected his first mistake by stating that Vijaya-Buddhavarman was a Pallava king and had, therefore, 'no genealogical connection with Vijaya-Nandivarman of the Vēngī grant (Ibid., Vol. V, p. 175) who was of the Śālankāyana gōtra'. The grant has since been published in this Journal (above, Vol. VIII, p. 143) by Dr. Hultzsch under the caption "the British Museum Plates of Chārudēvī". Dr. Dubrieul and the late Mr. K. V. Lakshmana Rao have, without noticing the subsequent corrections, followed Fleet's original suggestion (Ancient History of the Deccan, p. 89; J. A. H. R. S., Vol. V, p. 27) and this mistake has crept into the writings of Mr. M. S. Sarma (Bhārati for Raktākshin, Śrāvaṇa), Mr. R. Gopalan (Pallavas of Kāūchī, p. 74) and Mr. K. R. Subrahmaniam (Buddhist Remains of Andhradēśa and Andhra History, p. 89, f. n. 4 and p. 91). Mr. Sarma's placing Hastivarman before Vijaya-Dēvavarman, it may be observed, cannot be accepted since the latter, as stated above, lived during the period when Prākrit was the documentary language before Sanskrit began to be used in inscriptions.

Above, Vol. IX, p. 58.

of Jayavarman<sup>1</sup> was the name of the district with its headquarters at Kudūra mentioned in the same plates and in the Amarāvatī Buddhist sculpture inscription.<sup>2</sup> The district was apparently named after Kudūra the modern Kūdūru in the Bandar taluk of the Kistna District; Chintapura may be identified with Chinnāpuram in the Bandar taluk and Lēkumārī with Lōkamudi in the Kaikalūr taluk of the same district.<sup>3</sup>

#### TEXT.4

First Plate.

- 1 स्वस्थि(स्वस्ति) [॥\*] विजयवैद्धाः [॥\*] भगविचन्रयस्वामि-
- 2 पादानुध्यातस्य बप्पभद्दारकपादभः
- 3 तस्य शालाङ्गायनस्य महाराजयीविजय-

Second Plate ; First Side.

- 4 स्कन्दवर्माणो [वचनेन कुट्राहा] रचिन्तपुरे
- 5 ग्रामेयका: वक्तव्या: श्रस्यसाभि[र] स्म-
- 6 त्सलगीनश्रीयश्रीभव्दये [एतस्रै]

Second Plate; Second Side.

- 7 मीद्रस्यसगीत्राय [ले]कुमारीयामवा-
- 8 स्तव्याय शिवार्याय सर्व्वपरि हा रिण
- 9 सा पक्षिका दत्ता [।\*] [तिहिदिला भवित्न]: पूर्व-

Third Plate ; First Side.

- 10 मर्यादया साधु प्रेमणा(प्रेम्णा) कर्त्त व्यमिति [।\*]
- 11 ऋषि च स[र्व्व]नियोगनियुक्तायुक्तक-
- 12 विषयपतिभिन्नैः सा पश्चिका परिहा(ह)र्त्तव्या [।\*]

Third Plate ; Second Side.

- 13 प्रवर्द्ध[मान]श्रोविजय[रा]ज्यसंवत्ध[री] प्र-
- 14 धमे वैशाखपी[र्ग्ण]मास्यां दत्ता पहिका [॥\*]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Above, Vol. VI, pp. 315 ff.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Lüders' List of Brahmi Inscriptions, No. 1295.

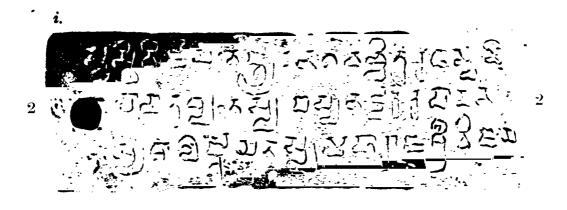
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> An. Rep. on South Indian Epigraphy for 1924-25, p. 73.

From ink-impressions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The letters enclosed within the brackets are partly preserved but they can be made out with certainty on the original. [I am not able to read the syllables Kudrā in the impression.—Ed.]

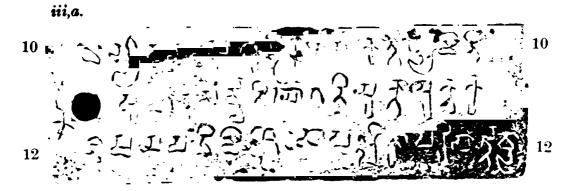
<sup>•</sup> The letter ra is very much worn out.

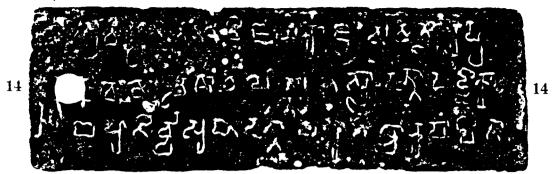
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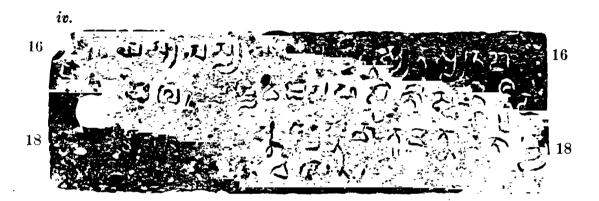














(From a photograph).

15 बहुभिर्व्वसुधा दत्ता बहुभिश्वानुपालिता [[\*]

Fourth Plate.

- 16 यस यस [यदा भूमि]स्तस्य तस्र त[दा]
- 17 फलम् [॥\*] षष्टिं वर्षसङ्खाणि खर्मो क्रीड
- 18 [ति भूमिद:] [।\*] श्राविष्ठा चानुमन्ता च तान्धे-
- 19 [व नरकी] वसेत् ॥

#### TRANSLATION.

- (Lines 1-5) Hail! From the victorious (city of) Vēngi by the word (of command) of the illustrious Mahārāja Vijaya-Skandavarman, a Śālankāyana, a meditator on the feet of god Chitrarathasvāmin and one devoted to the feet of Bappa-Bhaṭṭāraka (i.e., father), the villagers of Chintapura in Kudrāhāra should be informed thus:
- (Ll. 5-9) That small village (pallikā, i.e., Chintapura) has been granted by Us to this (Brāhman) Śivāryya of the Maudgalya-gōtra, a resident of the village Lēkumārī, free from all imposts, for the increase of the prosperity and fame of our family (kula) and clan (gōtra).
- (Ll. 9-12) Knowing this, you should behave well (with the donee) with affection as hitherto (pūrrva-maryyādayā). Further, that village should be exempted (from imposts) by all the presiding officers appointed to carry out (Our) command, agents (āyuktaka) and heads of districts.
- (Ll. 13-14) The (copper-plate) charter<sup>2</sup> was issued on the full-moon day of Vaiśākha in the first year of Our ever-increasing, illustrious and victorious reign.
  - (Ll. 15-19) [Two imprecatory verses are cited here.]

## No. 8.—EPIGRAPHICAL NOTES.

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#### NIBINNA AND NIVINA.

In the Nibinnā charter of Mahā-Śivagupta edited by Mr. B. C. Mazumdar,<sup>3</sup> the name of the gift village is given in two different forms, i.e. (i) Nibinḍā in l. 5 and (ii) Nibinnā in l. 17 of the text.<sup>4</sup> It is thus evident that even at the time of the charter the name of the village was spelt in two different ways. Though there is no special necessity for it, Mr. Mazumdar reads bi where the original contained only vi, both v and b being indicated in this record only by the sign for v. Consequently the place might also be called Niviṇḍā or Nivinnā. It was attached to the Ganuṭapāṭa-maṇḍala of the Kōśala-dēśa (text, ll. 4 f.). We are now confronted with a possibility of this village being identical with the village Nivinā the gift of which is recorded in the Nivinā grant of the Śailōdbhava king Dharmarājadēva published by Dr. N. P.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The donee had evidently been introduced to the royal presence at the time of the grant. Cf. etassa.... Ganasammassa (11. 8-9) of the Ellore Prākrit plates.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The word pattikt is used in this sense in other copper-plate grants of this early period, viz., the Hirahadagalli plates (text, l. 51), Mayidavõlu plates (text, l. 28), Kondamudi plates (text, l. 40), Mattēpād plates (text, l. 14), and Kūdagere plates of Kadamba Šiva-Māndhātrivarman (text, l. 18, above, Vol. VI, p. 14).

<sup>3</sup> Above, Vol. XI, p. 95.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid., p. 96.

Chakravarti.¹ In the latter record Nivinā is stated to be attached to the Khidingahāra-vishaya. But it is likely that this village which was originally attached to this vishaya in Dharmarāja's reign was later on included in the Kōśala-dēśa. Khidingahāra has been identified by Dr. Chakravarti with Khidingi and Nivinā with Nimmina² in the Kudala taluk of the Ganjām District. I think that Ganuṭapāṭa-manḍala or Ganuḍapāṭī-manḍala in which Nibiṇḍā or Nibinnā of the other charter was situated is identical with Guṇṭhapaḍā, a Zamindari village of the same taluk. Moreover, since the Sonepur Feudatory State attached to the district of Sambalpur is a part of the Chhatīsgarh division which roughly corresponds to the ancient (Southern) Kōśala-dēśa in which Nibiṇḍā or Niviṇḍā (with its variant names) lay and the Ganjām District in which the Nivinā grant of Dharmarāja was found is adjacent to that tract, the possibility of the identity of both the villages is strengthened. This is also confirmed by the form of the name Nivinā in which it occurs in the latter grant.

If the suggested identity could be granted it follows that the gift village Nivinā changed ownership in the interval between the reigns of Dharmarāja and Mahā-Sivagupta and that the latter monarch granted it afresh to a Brāhman of a different family from the original donee's.

Dr. Bahadur Chand Chhabra suggests the identification of the village Nibinnā with Nimna about 15 miles south-east of Binka, a town in the Sonepur State. This is not altogether impossible though we can take it only as an alternative. In this case the headquarters of the Ganutapāṭa-manḍala in which the village was located must be identified with the modern Ganṭapara on the right bank of the river Tēl one of the tributaries of the Mahānadī in the Baud State. (Vide Imp. Gaz. Atlas, 1909, Plate 29, A 4.)

## URUVUPALLI.

In the Uruvupalli grant of Pallava Yuvamahārāja Vishņugōpa issued in the reign of Simhavarman (Ind. Ant., Vol. V, pp. 50 f.) the boundaries of the 200 nivartanas of land actually given are enumerated in detail very much in the style of the Reddi copper-plates of a later period. Among these boundaries occur the names of the villages Kandukūra, Kurupūra, and Kondamuruvudu and the river Suprayōgā. The grant was intended for the benefit of the Vishņu-hāra temple founded by the Sēnāpati Vishņuvarman at Kandukūra. So it is evident that we have to look for the villages mentioned in the grant in the vicinity of modern Kandukūru in the Nellore District. A reference to the taluk map shows that Uruvupalli must be identical with Ulavapādu which lies east-south-east of Kandukūru. Of the other villages, Kurupūra would correspond to modern Kared alias Kurvade in the eastern direction of Kandukūru, and Kondamuruvudu would be the modern Kondamudusupālem due south of Kandukūru. Since the lands are stated to lie adjacent to those of Kandukūra, the river Suprayōgā which lay to the south of the giftlands would be identical with the modern Mannēru flowing in a north-easterly direction between Kandukūru and Ulavapādu. Ulavapādu is a station on the Madras-Calcutta line of the M. & S. M. Railway.

#### VIRIPARA.

This village in Andhrāpatha (i.e. the Telugu country) the grant of which is recorded in the Prākrit Mayidavōlu plates of Šivaskandavarman could not be identified by Dr. Hultzsch. He, however, rightly suggests that it must have been situated near Amarāvatī, (formerly Kistna now)

Above, Vol. XXI, p. 34.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The List of Villages gives the name as Nimina. There are two villages of this name one in the Khallikota and the other in the Athagada Zamindari of the Ganjām District. The district Map shows also a third Nimina village on the bank of the Mahānadī canal in the Aska taluk.

Guntur District.¹ The plates were found in a  $\mu \bar{a} du$  (old village site) near Mayidavõlu, a village in the Narasaraopet taluk.² There can be the least doubt that the gift village Viripara is identical with the modern Vipparla in the same taluk situated at about 8 miles west-north-west of Narasaraopet.³ It is to be noticed that the village possesses not only some pre-historic remains like dolmens,³ etc., which prove its great antiquity but also that an inscription of the early Eastern Chalukya king Sakalalōkāśraya Jayasingha-Vallabha and another of Vishņuvardhana Vijayā-ditya dated in Ś. 996 (=A.D. 1074) have been found here.⁴ In the former the village is called Vitparti and in the latter Virpparu. In still later times it was called Vipparu.⁵ These facts go to prove definitely that the village mentioned in the copper-plates must be identical with Vipparla.

# Dattānuyoga and the village Koļāla.

In his article on 'Two Kadamba Grants' (above, Vol. VI, p. 15, n. 6) the expression Dattānuyōga is rendered by Prof. Kielhorn in the sense of an  $\bar{a}ch\bar{a}rya$  (anuyōga-kṛit). From the context we must expect the term to refer to a concrete or proper attribute of the donee Dēvaśarman and not to a general attribute, viz., an  $\bar{a}ch\bar{a}rya$ , especially as the expression occurs between his gōtra and his śākhā. We should therefore naturally expect in the middle of these two epithets a reference to the donee's school of philosophy. We know that Datta is the name of an Upanishad, and the donee must have been a student or professor of that Upanishad's Dattakasūtras are mentioned in Western Gaṅga copper-plates.

The land gifted was in the village of Koļāla as read by Kielhorn. It might be read as Kōļāla also in which case there can be no objection to our identifying it with Kōļāla, the Kōļālapura or Kuvaļālapura of the Ganga inscriptions and identified with the modern Kolar.

# Śemponmāri.

In his article on the Sendalai pullar inscriptions (above, Vol. XIII. pp. 134 ff.) Mr. K. V. S. Aiyer notices the mention of Semponmāri as one of the places where king Perumbidugu Muttaraiyan gained his victories. Regarding the identification of the village Mr. Aiyer suggested that it was probably situated in the Pudukkōṭṭai State. I would identify it with the village Sembonmāri of the Tiruvadanai taluk of the Ramnad District. The present village is divided into two units one called Kīl-Sembonmāri and the other Mēl-Sembonmāri.

## Tāmbrāpa-sthāna.

This is the place from which the Pallava king Vijaya-Skandavarman issued the Ömgödu grant (above, Vol. XV, pp. 250, 251, etc.). This can very well be Dāmaramadugu in the Kovur taluk, Nellore District. Maduqu represents a pond and Tāmbrāpa might be the modern corrupt Dāmaramadugu. This lies in the ancient Pallava country and is not very far from Vavvēru where the Vilavațți grant of Simhavarman' of this family was recently discovered.

- 1 Above, Vol. VI, p. 85.
- <sup>2</sup> Ibid., p. 84.
- 3 Sewell, List of Antiquities, Vol. I, p. 73.
- 4 S. I. I., Vol. VI, Nos. 584 to 586.
- 5 Ibid., No. 588.

<sup>• [</sup>This argument is not convincing to me. The full name of the Upanishad is Dattātrēya. Moreover, Datta or Dattātrēya being a minor Upanishad it is doubtful if proficiency in it should be regarded as a high distinction. I also do not know of any other inscriptions where a donee is mentioned as a student or a professor of a particular Upanishad alone. After gōtru usually comes the pravara of the donee which is not specified in the present record. Can the expression under consideration not simply mean 'who is given to meditation' (anuyōga)? It may also be pointed out that the Dattaka-sūtra occurring in the Western Ganga copper-plates has been taken to be a work on erotics—see J. R. A. S., 1911, pp. 183 ff.—Ed.]

<sup>7</sup> See above, Vol. XXIV, pp. 296 ff.

# No. 9.—NALANDA PLATE OF SAMUDRAGUPTA: THE YEAR 5.

# BY A. GHOSH, PATNA.

This copper-plate, edited here for the first time, was unearthed at Nālandā in 1927-28 in Monastery Site No. 1. near the copper-plate of Dēvapāla. In 1935 it was transferred to the Archæological Section. Indian Museum. Calcutta, where it is at present housed. A preliminary note on it was published by Dr. Hirananda Sastri<sup>2</sup> and it is also summarized by Dr. D. R. Bhandarkar in his List of Inscriptions of Northern India.<sup>3</sup>

The copper-plate measures  $10\frac{1}{2}" \times 9"$  and weighs 45 tolās. No seal was found along with the plate, but it is not unlikely that one was originally attached to it in that portion of the proper right side of the plate which is now broken. The **inscription** is neatly engraved and runs to 12 lines, but owing to the much damaged condition of the plate large portions, including nearly the whole of 1. 7, have either broken away or are utterly obliterated. The whole of the **text**, however, can be restored by a reference to the spurious Gayā plate of Samudragupta<sup>4</sup> except the place-names and the adjectives of the donee.

The palwography of the inscription shows Gupta forms throughout and has the same features as the early Gupta records, with the exception of y, which is bipartite in the present record. S is of the looped or so-called eastern variety, but sh is unlooped. H is of the same type as appears on the Allahābād pillar inscription of Samudragupta, and presents a contrast to the form that we come across in the central and western records of the age. The average length of letters is  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch. As regards orthography, mention may be made of the use of the upadhmānīya in such cases as atpannah=parama\* (l. 4) and  $ch=\bar{c}tah=prabhriti$  (l. 8), the doubling of consonants in sarvva (l. 1, etc.).  $m\bar{c}dh-\bar{a}harttur=mmah\bar{a}r\bar{a}ja$  (l. 3), dauhittrasya (l. 4), ttraividya (ll. 8 and 9), etc. Another feature, remarkable for the Gupta period, is the indiscriminate use of b and r, as exemplified in viditam  $b\bar{c}$  for viditam  $v\bar{c}$  (l. 6), sambat for samvat (l. 10) and  $mah\bar{a}$ -valādhikrita for  $mah\bar{a}bal\bar{a}dhikrita$  (l. 11).

The inscription records the grant of two villages to a Brāhmaṇa Jayabhaṭṭi by name, who is called travidya in the subsequent lines, by the mahārājādhirāja Samudragupta, whose usual adjectives are given. from the victorious camp at Ānandapura in the year 5. The grant was written at the orders of Gōpasvāmin, the akshapaṭalādhikṛita, mahāpīlūpatī and mahābalūdhikṛita. At the end the name of the prince Chandragupta occurs, possibly as the Dūtaha.

I am not sure of one of the names of the villages that were granted: the first is **Bhadra-pushkaraka** in the **Vaiva**(?)—.y.-vishaya, while the second is **Pū**[rṇṇa(?)-nā(?)]ga in the **Krimilā**-vishaya. Krimilā as the name of a vishaya also appears in the Monghyr grant of Dēva-pāla, where it is stated to have been situated in the bhukti of Śrīnagara or Patna.\* The same place-name occurs as Krimilā on a Nālandā sealing (Site No. 1, Reg. No. 824), reading Krimilā-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Above, Vol. XVII, pp. 318 ff.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> An. Rep. A. S. I., 1927-28, p. 138.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> List of Inscriptions of Northern India, p. 299, No. 2075.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Fleet, C. I. I., Vol. III, pp. 254 ff.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Ibid., pp. 1 ff.

<sup>6</sup> Cf. Mathurā and Sānchī Inscriptions of Chandragupta II, ibid., pl. iii.

Among the adjectives occurs parama-bhāgavota, which is absent in the Allahābād pillar inscription.

<sup>8</sup> Above, Vol. XVIII, pp. 304 ff.

vishaya-Kāchāla-grāmē mahattama-Narasvāminah in 8th century characters. I cannot propose any identification of this place.

The only other copper-plate purporting to belong to Samudragupta<sup>2</sup> is the Gayā copper-plate, but as Fleet pointed out the plate cannot be regarded as genume<sup>3</sup> on the following grounds: (1) in the genealogical portion of the inscription the adjectives of the king are in the genitive, while the name of the king is in the nominative—which shows that the drafter of the inscription was copying this portion from some grant of one of the successors of Samudragupta, and (2) while some of the letters are antique others are more modern. This shows that there was a deliberate attempt on the part of the scribe to imitate the old script, which also explains the halting nature of the writing; when the difference between the earlier and later forms of a particular letter is only slight, the scribe has betrayed himself, cf,  $\delta$ , in which the right vertical member invariably projects above the upper horizontal member of the letter—a feature which is definitely later than the early Gupta times.

If the present document can be proved to be genuine, it would rank as the earliest record of the Guptas and also the earliest copper-plate grant in Northern India. This fact makes the task of determining the genuineness or otherwise of the grant all the more difficult, as we have no means to ascertain whether it conforms to the genuine records of the age. The two scholars who have previously noticed the record have opined differently. Dr. Sastri rejecting it as spurious and Dr. Bhandarkar leaving the matter open. The question has, therefore, to be considered afresh.

A perusal of the text given below will show that the present record is smilar to the Gayā plate in that it has the same ungrammatical construction of the genealogical portion (...nehchhēt-tuh...apratirathasya...prapauttrasya...pratirasya ... danhitirasya ... utparanh Samudraguptah). If the plate be regarded as genuine, it is puzzling why the secretariate of Samudragupta should have committed such a silly error in giving the genealogy of its master. I find it difficult to explain away this error as accidental and am. on the whole, inclined to think that the genuine-ness of the present plate is not above suspicion. This will also explain why the inscription is full of mistakes, e. g., the dropping of pta in Gupta (l. 3), ēshau for ētau (l. 6), śrōttavyam for śrōtavyam (l. 8), grāpratyā for grāma-pratyayā (l. 8) and the lengthening of the vowel in ma in niyatam=āqrahār-ākshēpah (l. 9). One can legitimately expect greater care in a real state document of the mighty Samudragupta. It cannot be denied, however, that the document was forged in early Gupta times, as there is no trace of any late forms in the morphology of the letters. And as the texts of the Nālandā and Gayā plates are mutatis mutandis identical, it is very likely that both of them were copied from some genuine Gupta grant.

<sup>1</sup> Or vishyak-Achāla.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In Cunningham's A. S. R., Vol. XIX, p. 60, Garrick speaks of a copper-plate of Samudragupta, said to be in the possession of a Pandit of Benares. "The inscription", he adds, "had been sent to Bengal, and therefore I was unable even to get a look at it".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> R. D. Banerji, on the other hand, says: "The Gayā copper plate of Samudragupta, issued in the 9th year of his reign, was regarded as spurious by the late Dr. J. F. Fleet. When his work was published our knowledge of Indian Epigraphy was not so extensive as it is now. Our knowledge of the form of Imperial Gupta land-grants was limited to the Indor-khera inscribed copper plate of the time of the emperor Skandagupta in 1833. The Natore or Dhanaidaha plate of Kumāragupta I, the six Damodarpur plates of the emperors Kumāragupta I, Budhagupta and Bhānugupta and finally the three Faridpur plates of the kings Dharmāditya and Gopachandra have thrown a flood of light on the procedure of issuing grants of land or deeds recording transfers of the same. In the face of this mass of new evidence it is impossible to believe at the present day that the Gayā copper plate grant of the 9th year of Samudragupta is forged. It cannot be regarded as spurious in the same light as the Sudi plates and in the writer's opinion it is genuine." (Age of the Imperial Guptas, pp. 7-8.)

The inscription is dated in the year 5, 2nd day of Magha, followed by the word niva(ba)ddha[m\*]. So far as I am aware, this word does not appear with a date in any other Gupta record, but is found in some Pratihara grants.\(^1\) The date of the Gava plate, year 9, was referred to the Gupta era by Fleet,2 which would mean that Chandragupta I had died by A. D. 328. If the date of the present record too be referred to the Gupta era, his life is further shortened by 4 years, leaving him a reign of only 4 or 5 years, assuming that the year 5 of the Gupta era was the first regnal year of Samudragupta. It is unlikely that he could have created an empire within such a short time, so that we are forced to meet another alternative that the years are in reality the regnal years of Samudragupta himself. But as the Gupta era is universally regarded as having been established by Chandragupta I, it is difficult to understand why Samudragupta should have reverted to the practice of using regual years in state documents. Was Samudragupta himself then the author of the Gupta era? It must be admitted that this conjecture is not prima facie impossible, as the ascription of the era to the first mahārājādhirāja of the dynasty is only a plausible conjecture which does not conflict with any known facts. But if Samudragupta really founded the era, we have to distribute 136 years (A. D. 319 to 455)- an abnormally long periodamong three generations, viz., Samudragupta, Chandragupta II and Kumāragupta I. We are therefore inclined to think that both being spurious documents, the dates on the Nalanda and Gaya plates need not be taken seriously for historical purposes.

The text given below is transcribed from a set of photographs of the copper-plate kindly supplied to me by the Superintendent, Archæological Section, Indian Museum. I found that some portions were more legible on another photograph of the plate before it was chemically treated, belonging to the office of the Superintendent, Archæological Survey of India, Central Circle. In deciphering the text I have received much valuable help from Dr. N. P. Chakravarti, Government Epigraphist for India.

# TEXT.

- 1 Õm svasti [\*] mahā-nau-hasty-aśva-jaya-skandhāvār-**Ānandapura³-**vāsakāt=[sa]. rvva-rā[j-ōchchhētt]u[h]=pṛithivyām=apratirathasya chatur-udadhi-sali[1-āsvā].
- 2 dita-yaśasō Dhanada-Varuṇ- $\mathbf{E}[$ ndr- $\mathbf{\bar{A}}]$ nta $\underline{\mathbf{ka}}$ -samasya Kṛitānta-paraśōr=nyāy-āgat-ānēka-gō-hiraṇya-kōṭi-pradasya chirōtsa[nn-ā]-
- 3 śvamēdh<sup>4</sup>-āha<sup>5</sup>rttur=mmah[ārāj]a-śrī-**Gu[pta\***]-prapauttrasya mahārāja-śrī-**Ghaṭōtkacha**-pauttrasya mahārā[jādhi]rāja-śrī-**Chan[drag]up[ta**]-puttra-
- 4 sya **Lichchhavi**-dau[hi]ttrasya mahādēvyā**ṅ=Kumāradēvyām=**uptannaḥ=parama-bhāga-vatō [mahārājādhirāja-śrī-**Samudragu**]**ptaḥ Vai(?)va(?)-.y.-**
- 5 vai[shayika]-**Bhadrapushkaraka** grāma **Krimilā** vaishayika **Pū[rṇṇa(?)nā(?)]ga** grā [mayōḥ brāhmaṇa-purōga]<sup>6</sup>-grāma-va[la]tkauśabhyā(?)m<sup>7</sup>=āha [:\*]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Cf. Dighwa-Dubauli plate of Mahēndrapāla and A. S. B. plate of Vināyakapāla, Ind. Ant., Vol. XV, pp. 112 and 140.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Cf. Banerji, loc. cit., p. 8: "According to the established custom to be found in Gupta inscriptions, we should regard the date of the inscription as one expressed in the Gupta era; i.e., it was issued in 328-29 A. D."

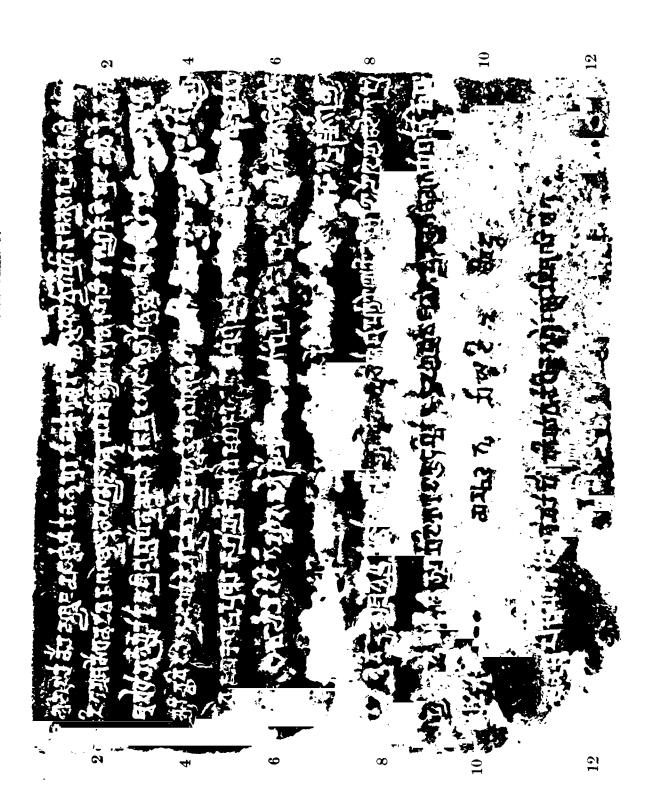
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Read as Nrigura by Sastri, who evidently reads the portion as skandhāvārāna(n=)Nripura.

<sup>4</sup> At first mu was written which was then changed into mē.

 $<sup>^{5}</sup>$  The left extremity of the subscript u of the following letter appears after ha and looks like a separate letter.

<sup>6</sup> Restored from the Gayā plate.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> The word is spelt with sha in the Gaya plate. The letter bhyā is doubtful both here and in the Gaya plate.



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- 6 Ēva ch=ā[rttham] viditam¹ =bō(vō) bhavatv=ēshau(tau) grā[m]au [mayā mā]tā-pittrōr=ā [tmanaś=cha] pu[ny-ābhivriddha]yē Jayabhaṭṭi-svāminē
- 7 ......² [s-ōpari]kar-ō[ddēśēn=āgra]hā[rat]v<br/>[ēn=ātisrish]ṭaḥ bhir=a[s]ya tad=yushmā-brir=a[s]ya
- 8 ttraividyasya śrōtta(ta)vyam=ājňā cha kartta[v]yā[sa]rvvē [cha sa]muchitā grā[ma\*]-pratyā (pratyayā) mēya-hiraņy-ādayō dēvā na ch=ētah=pra-³
- 9 bhṛity=anēna ttrai[vi]dyēn=ānya-grām-ādi-karada-kuṭumbi-[kāruk]-ādayaḥ=pravēśa[yita]vyā [a]nyath[ā] niyatam=ā(a)grahār-āk[sh]ēpaḥ
- 10 syād=iti samba(samva)t 5 Māgha di 2 niva(ba)ddha[m\*] []\*]
- 11 [Anya]<sup>5</sup>-grām-ākshapatalādhi[kṛi]ta-mahāpīlūpati mahāva(ba)lādhi[kṛi]ta **Gōpasvām[y\***]ādē<sup>4</sup>a-likhita[m\*] [[\*]
- 12 [Kumā ra-śrī-Chandraguptah [\*]

# No. 10.—A COPPER-PLATE GRANT OF MUMMUNIRAJA; SAKA 971.

# By S. C. UPADHYAYA, M.A., LL.B., BOMBAY.

This set of three plates was first handed over to the Curator, Archaeological Section, **Prince of Wales Museum**, for decipherment by one Hasan Razak, a Muhammadan water-diviner. The Curator after carefully examining these plates kindly passed them on to me for decipherment in details. I am highly obliged to him for the kind permission to edit the same in this journal.

The grant consists of **three plates.** Each plate is  $11'' \times 9'' \times \frac{1}{6}''$  in size. The written space in each plate measures  $7\frac{1}{2}'' \times 10''$ . The first and last plates bear writing on one side only while the second has writing on both the sides. A circular hole of about  $\frac{3}{4}''$  in diameter runs through them. The circular ring which holds the plates together, has got a **seal** (at present with the owner) with the figure of **Garu**a. The whole grant runs into 94 lines.

The characters are similar to those found in the other Śilāhāra copper-plates of the same period. However, they differ to some extent from those in the Ambar Nātha temple stone inscription of the time of Māmvāṇi dated Śaka 982,6 the chief reason of the difference being either the roughness of the material or possibly the inefficiency of the engraver.

The language of the grant is Sanskrit. As regards orthography, a consonant following r is sometimes doubled and sometimes left single, e g.,  $Kapardd\bar{a}$  (1, 8), svargga,  $m\bar{a}rgga$  (1, 13),  $karman\bar{n}$  (1, 15),  $samvarddhav\bar{a}d$  (1, 29) as against  $d\bar{o}r$ -danda (1, 17),  $yath\bar{a}rtha$  (1, 20),  $N\bar{a}g\bar{a}rpina$  (1, 31), etc. The dental sibilant is often used for the palatal one (II, 8, 9, etc.), but in certain cases what has been read as s may be a badly written s.

In the benedictory verses Gaņēśa and Śiva are invoked. The genealogy begins with the well known mythical story of Jīmūtavāhana, the son of Jīmūtakētu, who offered himself as a prey to Garuḍa in place of the serpent Śamkhachūḍa.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> There is a hole due to damage over tu which in the photograph looks like an anusvāra.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The portion that is lost here no doubt contained adjectives of the donee, of which one must have been *trainidya*, as he is referred to in the following lines.

<sup>3</sup> The Gaya plate reads na ch=ētat-prabhrity= etc.

After this follow four short horizontal strokes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Restored from the Gayā plate. D. R. Bhandarkar conjecturally reads Nalanda. [In the present record the second syllable seems to be nu.—Ed.]

<sup>•</sup> J. B. B. R. A. S., Vol. XII, pp. 329 f.

In his family was born Kapardin (I) who was adventurous like Sāhasāmka<sup>1</sup> and was the forehead-mark (tolaka) of the Sīlāra line. His son Pulašakti who was well versed in politics and who conquered his enemies is then mentioned.<sup>2</sup>

Next comes his son Laghu-Kaparddī.<sup>3</sup> He is described in the usual poetical and vague manner. His son Vappuvanna is next mentioned in the usual way.<sup>4</sup> His son Jhanjha is then mentioned. That he erected twelve Siva temples is particularly mentioned here as in the Khārepāṭaṇ plates.

Nothing particular is said of his brother Göggirāja and his son Vajjada, except that the former was valorous like Bhīshma. Drōṇa and Arjuna. Vajjada's son Aparājita who was benevolent, truthful and brave is then mentioned. He is given the title Saraṇāgata-vajrapañjara and the record particularly mentions the facts that he helped a king named Gōmma, and made firm the rule of Aiyapadēva. He is also said to have protected Bhillama and two other kings whose names seem to be Amma and Maṇamvuva.<sup>5</sup> His son Vajjadadēva (II) and his younger brother Arikēsarin are then mentioned.<sup>6</sup> The latter had been on a pilgrimage to the temple of Sōmēśvara.

Then his nephew Chhittarāja (son of Vajjaḍa II) is mentioned as in other inscriptions. Next comes his younger brother Nāgārjuna. His younger brother Mummuni is then mentioned. He vanquished his foes and ruled over 1,400 villages the chief of which was Purī. At the time of this grant his Mahāmātya was śrī-Daddapaiya and the Mahāsāndhwigrahka śrī-Viṭṭhapaiya, who along with other officers were in charge of the Śrīkaraṇa. The writer of the document was Nāgalaiya.

The grant was given on Friday, Suddha 15, Bhādrapada in the year 971 of the Saka era, corresponding to Tuesday the 20th August 1049 A.D.<sup>10</sup> There was a lunar eclipse at that time.

- <sup>1</sup> The Khārepātan plates, Saka 1016 (Ind. Ant., Vol. IX, p. 33) also do not give any further information about this prince. His adventurous nature might have enabled him to be a valuable lieutenant of the Rāshtra-kūta Emperor Gövinda III and hence he might have been his feudatory ruling over North Konkan (Altekar, Indian Culture, Vol. II, p. 403).
- <sup>2</sup> The Kanhēri inscriptions of Amoghavarsha, Śaka 765, describes Pullaśakti as a Rāshtrakūta feudatory and lord of the Konkan, ruling in Purī (*Ind. Ant.*, Vol. XIII, pp. 134-36).
- <sup>2</sup> The Kanhēri inscriptions of Amoghavarsha, Saka 775 and 799 (Ind. Ant., Vol. XIII, pp. 134 ff.), describe Kapardin (II) as the Rāshṭrakūṭa feudatory and master of Konkan.
- <sup>4</sup> The Bhāṇḍūp plates (Ind. Ant., Vol. V, p. 277, ll. 7, 8) describe him as bhuvanaikavīra and name him Ghayuvanta but on comparing the reading (in facsimile, Asiatic Researches, Vol. I, p. 313) Vappuvanna seems to be the right name as has already been suggested by Buhler.
- <sup>5</sup> These names are also found in the Khārepātaņ plates. Nowhere else do we meet with the verse containing these names. This Bhillama might be the same as Bhillama II of whom we know from his Sangamnēr plates, Saka 922 (above, Vol. II, p. 272). The Bhādāna plates of Aparājita, Saka 919 (above, Vol. III, p. 272), give him the title of Mṛigāmka.
- 6 According to Bhāṇdūp plates, the word agraja would go with Arikēsarin. But on the evidence of other documents Vajjada was the elder brother of Arikēsarin. The Vadavalli plates of Aparāditya, Saka 1049 (J. B. B. R. A. S., Vol. XXI, p. 508), confirm this.
- <sup>7</sup> He is mentioned in the Khārepātan and Vadavalli plates. Altekar's suggestion (*Indian Culture*, Vol. II, p. 410) that he died before Chhittarāja seems to be baseless.
  - S For another spelling, Māmvāṇi, cf. J. B. B. R. A. S., Vol. XII, p. 329.
- According to the Ambar Natha temple inscription (ibid., pp. 329-30) these officers in Saka 982 were different persons.
- 10 Indian Ephemeris, Vol. III, p. 101. [The corresponding date in Christian era is Tuesday the 15th August (not the 20th which was a Sunday and when there was no lunar eclipse), A.D. 1049, when there was a lunar eclipse. The week day seems to read Sutē and not Śukrē as Mr. Upadhyaya reads. Probably Suta here stands for Mahīsuta (Tuesday).—Ed.]

The village granted was **Kiïchchhita**. It was in the **Mandaraja** district. To the east there was the śrī-Ēnara¹ hill and rivulets running from it. To the north was the Nīmvā village, to the west the Mātara village and to the south the Sāmvīna river. None of these places can be identified at present.

The grant was made to twelve Brahmins (a list of whom is given below) to enable them to carry on their religious duties. Among the donees there were Brahmins who had emigrated from Gauḍa, Madhyadēśa and Lāṭa. They belonged to various gōtras and śākhās. Some of these names are given in the vernacular ending in aiya. The grant contains towards the end the approval of Mummuṇirāja, son of Vajjaḍadēva.

Name.	Father's name.	Country of origin.	Gōtra.	Śākhā.
Kōkō Paṇḍita	Pītāmaha	Gauḍa	Sāṇḍilya .	Kauthuma.
Dēvadh <b>ara</b> Dīkshita .	Yajña Dikshita	Mumjasthāna in Madhyadēśa.	Vatsa	Bahvricha.
Dāmōdara	Kēsaiyā Dīkshita	••••	Bhāradvāja .	Mādhyandina.
Sūdanaiya	Sõmēśvara Upādhyāya .		Bhārgava .	Bahvricha.
Dāmōdara	Sūdana Dīkshita	Bhrigukachcha in Latadēśa.	Upamanyu .	,,
Vārāyaņa	Dāmōdara Upādhyāya .		Ātrēya	Rāṇāyanī.
rīpati	Kēśava		Kuśika	Bahvricha.
rīpati	Dugaiya		Ātrēya	,,
Kanakēśvara	Vēlādītya		Jamadagni .	29
ēlaiya	Dīghaiya		Ātrēya	,,
arvvadēvaiya	Iśvara	••••	Lõkāksha .	Yajña.
itthapaiya	Sōdhalaiya	••••	Ātrēya	Bahvricha.

List of the Brahmir donees.

## TEXT.

[Metres:—Anushtabh, vv. 1, 2, 11, 12, 19, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38; Vasantatilakā, 3, 4, 5, 15, 18, 39; Prithvī, 6; Śārdūlavikrīdita, 7, 9, 10, 14, 16, 20; Śragdharā, 8; Gīti, 13; Indravajrā, 17, 26, 33; Mālinī, 21, 22; Vamšasthavila, 23; Śālinī, 32.]

## First Plate.

- 1 ॐ² जयसाभ्युदयस्र ॥ लभते सर्व्वकार्येषु पृजया गणना यकः । विघ्नं निघ्नन्म वः
- 2 पायादपायाद्गणनायक: ॥[१॥\*] स वः पातु शिवो नित्यं यन्मीली भाति जाक्कवी । सुमेरुसि'ख-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> [See p. 62 n. 3 below.—Ed.]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Denoted by a symbol.

<sup>3</sup> Read śikharō°.

- 3 रोहच्छदच्छचद्रकलोपमा¹ ॥[२॥\*] जीमूतकेतुतनयो नियतां² दयालुर्ज्ञीमूतवाइन इति व्रिजगत्रसिद्ध: ॥(।)
- 4 देइविज े ढणमिवाकलयन्य राखें यो रचित सा गरुडात्खलु सं(गं)खचूडम् ॥[३॥\*] तस्थान्वये निखलभूप-।
- 5 तिमौलिभूतरब्रद्युतिच्छुरितनिर्मालपादपीठ: । श्रीमाइसांक दव साइसिक: कपर्दी सीलारवंस(श)- ।
- 6 तिलको नृपतिर्व्व(र्ब्व)भूव ।[18॥\*] तस्त्रादभूच तनय: पुलस(श)क्तिनामा सोमा-सम: सुरगुरूदितराजनीते: ।
- 7 निक्कित्य<sup>7</sup> संगरमुखेखिलवैरिवर्माखि:कंटकं<sup>8</sup> जगित राज्यमकारि येन ॥[५॥\*] ततोपि ममभूत्सुती नृप-॥<sup>6</sup>
- 8 सि(ग्रि)रोविभूषामणि:। किसतः स्विणिरिवापरोरिकरिणां कपदी लघु: । यदीययस(ग्र)-सा जगत्यतिग्र-
- 9 येन स्(ग्र)क्लोकते न भाति स्रवारणो न च ससी(ग्रग्री) न दुग्धाम्बु(स्बु)धि: ।[।६॥\*] तस्त्रादप्यभविद्यभृतिपदवीपाद्यं पावत्री ।5
- 10 क्तताशिषद्मावलयो महीपतिलकः श्रीवपुवनः स्तः । संग्रामांगणरंगिणासिलतयाः लूनैक<sup>11</sup>दन्ता
- 11 इठात्सर्वे येन विनायका विरचिता विदेषिणां दन्तिन: । $[100]^*$  तस्माज्जात- स्तानृजो $^{12}$  र $[\sigma^*]$ निकर इवानंदिताशे-
- 12 षत्नोकश्चाच्यः श्रीशंशराजो दिवसकर इव ध्वस्त्तिनःसे(श्रे)षदोषः ॥(१) सं(श्रं)भोर्यो द्वादसा(श्रा)पि व्यरच-। $^5$

<sup>1</sup> Read chandra.

<sup>2</sup> Read niyatam.

<sup>\*</sup> Read dehan=nijam.

<sup>4</sup> Read parā°.

Here a stroke has been used to show that the word is continued in the next line.

<sup>6</sup> Danda or dandas unnecessary.

<sup>7</sup> Read nirjjitya.

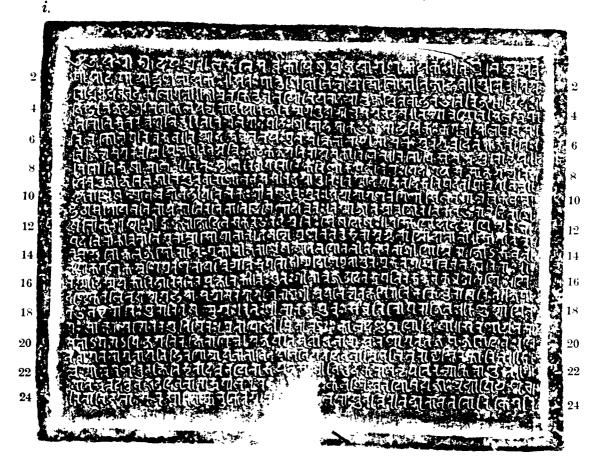
<sup>8</sup> Read nishkantakam

<sup>9</sup> Read pātram.

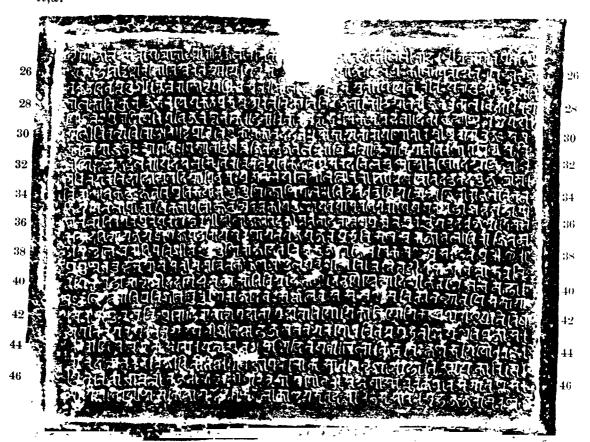
<sup>10</sup> Read pavitrio.

<sup>11</sup> Read lūn-aika°.

<sup>12</sup> Read "s=tanūjō.







iii.



न रिकामाहाह त अल्लाप विवस्त के के ना पायर हु 

- 13 यदिचगत्कीत्तेनानि खनामा मापानानीव मन्ये प्रणततनुभृतां खर्मामागिद्यतानां  $( -1)^2 = -1$  भाता तव $^2 = -1$
- 14 ततस्ततोज्व ज्ज्व ) ल जसाँ (यशो) गिमः (शिः) प्रकासी (शो) क्षताश्रेषच्यावलयो व(ब) ली व(ब) लवतां श्रीगोगिगाजा उभवत् ।
- 15 चपा'कर्षण्कमीणि प्रवणतां यिमान्गते भूपतो भौषाद्राणप्रयास्तप्रभृतयश्चित्ते चमत्कान्तिः ।[८॥\*]
- 16 तस्मादिस्मयकारिहारिचरितपचात कोत्तिः सुतः श्रीमान्वज्ञडदेवभूपतिरभूङ्गचक्रचूडा-मणिः । दी-
- 17 देगडेकव(बःलिन यस्य महमा मंग्रामरंगांगण राज्यश्री: स्वयंगत्य वचासि राति<sup>6</sup> चक्रो मुर्गरेरिव ॥[१०॥\* जयं-।<sup>7</sup>
- 18 त इव ह्वारि: पुरारिव घणमुख: । तत: श्रीमानभूत्पृत्र: मचरित्रीपराजित:
- 19 य: माचात्मत्थेन च युधिष्ठिरः । प्रतापादीप्तिमात्तरण्डः कालदरण्डच यो दिषां(षाम्) ॥[१२॥\*] स(श्र)रणागतमा-
- 20 मता<sup>3</sup>ऽपराऽपि<sup>10</sup> जगित रचिता येन । म जयित यथार्थनामा मंरणा<sup>11</sup>गतवज्रपंजरा देव: ।[११३ \*] ये-
- 21 न स्वागतमागताय विह्नितं गोम्माय नानाविधं येनैवैयपदेवनाम्नि चलितं राज्यं स्थिरं कारितं(तम्) ॥(١) भि-।
- 22 क्षमाममणंबुविचितिसतां दनं च येनाभयं तस्य श्रीवि(बि)क्दंकरामनृपर्तरन्या(न्यत्) किमा[व\*]र्ण्ण(एर्ण्य)ते ॥[१४॥\*] श्री-
- 23 मानभूत्तदनु वज्जडरवनामा भूपालमस्तकमणिस्तनयो नयज्ञ: [1\*] श्रद्यापि यस्य च-17
- 24 रितानि जना: समस्ता रोमांचकंचुिकतगावलता[:] स्तुवन्ति ॥[१५॥\*] तङ्गाताय ततोरिकसरि-

<sup>1</sup> Read tasya.

<sup>2</sup> Danda or dandas unnecessary.

<sup>3</sup> Read chā pā°.

<sup>4</sup> Some Šīlāhāra records have sarvvē tiraskāritāh.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Read prakhyāta-.

Read ratim.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Here a stroke has been used to show that the word is continued in the next line.

<sup>8</sup> Read Purārēr=iva.

<sup>9</sup> Read sāmantā.

<sup>10</sup> Read aparē api, the absence of sandhi being in favour of the metre.

<sup>11</sup> Read śaranā°.

Second Plate; First Side.

- 25 नृपो जात: सतां समातो द्वप्तारातिकुलाचलैकदलने दंभोलिलीलां दधत् । गत्वा सैव<sup>1</sup>एव सै- ।<sup>2</sup>
- 26 न्यसिंहतो दृष्ट्या च सोमेख(ख)रं तस्थाग्रे पितुराज्ञया जगदलं य: कीलायित्वा।3-गत: ॥[१६॥\*] तङ्गादजी
- 27 वज्जडदेवसूनु: স্থাক্সিন্সালী नृपतिर्व(र्ब)भूव ॥(।) सीलाखंसः(शः) सिसु(शिश्र)-नापि येन नीतः परामुद्रतिसुदर्शन ।[।१७॥\*] लं-
- 28 वा(बा)ल्कानि कुचकंभतटोपकंठप्रभ्रष्टचारलतिकानि निरंजनानि ॥(।) उत्खाततीच्छ-कं(क)रवालविदारितस्य
- 29 योऽन्त:पुराणि परिपंधिजनस्य चक्रे ॥[१८॥\*] हतारिनारोनेत्रांभ:'सेकसम्बर्धनादिव । व्र(ब्र)ह्माग्डमग्डपं यः ।
- 30 स्य कीर्त्तिवन्य(इय)धिरोहित ॥[१८॥\*] द्यारातिषु कोपकान्दहन: सीभाग्यनारायणो वारस्रो(स्त्रो)षु ततोनुजः सम-
- 31 भवद्रागार्जुन: च्मापित: । यस्थामानुषमूजितं भुजव(ब)लं दूराद्मिमत्था दिषां निदातीव रणांगणव्यमनि-
- 32 नी दोईग्डकटृत्तता ।[।२०॥\*] यदसमिस(प्रि)विरान्तर्मत्तगंधेभदानप्रसरदिनलसु(ग्र)श्यस्रो-तसो दिगजिन्हाः ।
- 33 ग्ररिनगरिनदा हो हामिदिग्यापिधृमप्रमग्भयिनमी लह्नो चना नोन्मिष्रिन्त ।[।२१॥] तदनु तदनु जन्मा मू-
- 34 त्तिमान्योनकृतः चतरप्विभवोभून्यम्मुणिचोणिपालः । विवृत्यधनुषि यस्मिन्वाजिनीस-जनाति व(ब)ल-

<sup>1</sup> Read śaiśara.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Here a stroke has been used to show that the word is continued in the next line.

<sup>3</sup> Read kilayitv.

<sup>4</sup> The syllable ri in nari should oridinarily be short.

<sup>5</sup> Read om=urjjitam.

<sup>6</sup> Read on=niśamya.

<sup>7</sup> Read -kandūlatā.

Read -ripu-.

<sup>9</sup> Read -vidhrita -.

- 35 भिद्रिष व्रब)लोयान्वार्षिकं चापमोज्यत् । [१२२॥\*] त्रश्य स्वकायपुर्ण्योपचया भमिषि-गतार्म(ग्रे)षपंचमहाग्रव्यक्ट्रमहा-॥
- 36 सामन्ताधि<sup>3</sup>तगरपुरवरमेस्र(श्र)स्त्रोसोताहारनरेन्द्रजीसृतवाहनान्वयप्रस्तसुवण्<sup>र</sup>गरुडध्वजाभि-मान-
- 37 महोद्धित्यागजगज्ञांपद्मंपडाचायस(श)रणागतवज्ञ गंजरप्रश्वतिममस्त्राजावलाविराजितम-
- 38 हामग्डलेख(श्व)राधिपतिश्वामन्मुम्मुणिराजदेव(वा) निजभुजापार्ज्ञित(ता)नेकमग्डलसन्धि-तपुरो- ॥ र्
- 39 प्रमुखचतुर्दम्(ग्र)ग्रामम(ग्र)तोसमन्वितकोकणमण्डलयनु ग्रामित । तथैतदोयराज्यचिन्ता-भर(भारं) नि-
- 40 — महामात्यश्रोदपैय(य)महामांविविग्रहिकश्राविद्विग्रेयेत्यादिश्रोकरणे म च महा- ।
- 41 मण्डलिख(छ)राविपतिश्रोमसुम्मुणिराजदेव: सर्व्वानव ध्वसम्बन्ध)ध्यमनिकाने न्यान-पि समागा-
- 42 मिराजप्त्र मंत्रिपुरोहितामात्यप्रधानाप्रधाना(न)नियागिकानियोगिकांम्त्रया राष्ट्रपतिविष-
- 43 यपतिनगरपतितगरपतीं व<sup>9</sup> । 10 तथा इंजमननगरपारित्रवग्रेप्रस्तीं व प्रगतिपूजास- । 7
- 44 त्कारारेस(श)पूर्व्वक संवो(बो)धयत्यस्तु वः । मिनिदितं यथा ॥ चला विभूतिः चण्यभीग योवनं क्ष- ।
- 45 तान्तदन्तांतरवर्ति जीवितं(तम्) । तयाय्यवज्ञा परलोकसाधने नृणामहो विमायकारि चे-17
- 46 ष्टितं(तम्) ।[१२३॥\*] तथा चान्तक्षांनजराराचसीप्रारश्च(ब्ध)ग्रासं योवनं । खर्मा-वासाम्रक्षपातसमिष्टस- ।
- 47 मागमवियोगमवियोगदुःखं । $^{10}$  कदलीकाण्डगभेवदसारः संसारः । $^{10}$  सहजजरामरण्-

<sup>1</sup> Read 'yāt=samadhi'.

<sup>2</sup> Here two strokes have been used to show that the word is continued in the next line.

<sup>3</sup> Read chipati.

<sup>4</sup> Mark of punctuation unnecessary. There is inscribed a chha before this which is redundant.

<sup>5</sup> Read om=anuo.

<sup>•</sup> These three letters cannot be read definitely.

<sup>7</sup> Here a stroke has been used to show that the word is continued in the next line.

<sup>8</sup> Read °manakan=.

<sup>•</sup> Read nagara- and correct it into grāma-.

<sup>10</sup> Danda unnecessary.

Second Plate: Second Side.

- 48 व्याधिसाधारणकं स(श)रीरं। पवनचित्ततकमितनीद्त्तगतजलक्ततरले धनायुषीति-(षी इति) मत्वा इटतरविर-
- 49 तिवध्या(बुड्या) संग्रह्मतेच्छदानपत्तं । कृतचेताद्वापरेसु(षु) तपोन्धर्धं प्रस(श)स्यते । सुनयोऽच प्रसं(शं)सन्ति दानमे-।²
- 50 कं कली युगे<sup>3</sup> [॥२४॥\*] न तथा सफला विद्या न तथा सफलं तप: । यथाऽच सुनय: प्राहुदोनमेकं कली युगे ।[।२५॥\*]
- 51 तथा चीतं भगवता व्यासेन । श्रग्नेरपत्यं प्रथमं सुवर्णे भूर्वेशावी सूर्यस्तास गाव: । लीकच्यं तेन भ-
- 52 विडि दत्तं यः कांचनं गां च महीं च दद्यात् ।[१२६॥\*] त्रास्फोटयन्ति पितरः प्रवलान्ति पितामहाः । भूमिदोष'स्मकुले जा-
- 53 त: स नस्ता(न: संता)रियथित ।[२०॥\*] भूमिदानं सुपाचेषु सुतौर्येषु सुपव्यंसु । अगाधारा पारमंसारसागरीतार-
- 54 णं भवेत् ।[।२८॥] धवलान्यातपत्राणि दन्तिनश्च मदोडता: [।\*] भूमिदानस्य पुषाणि फलं स्वर्गोसुरदतः ।[।२८॥\*] दृति
- 55 धर्माधर्माविचारचतुरचिरंतनमुनिवचनान्यवधार्य मानापित्नोरात्मनस्य श्रेयोर्थिना मया स(श)कनृप-
- 56 कालातीतसम्बत्सरस(श)तेषु नवसु एकसप्तत्यधिकषु विरोधी(धि)सम्बस(त्स)रा[न्त\*]गीत-भाद्रपदसु(श्र)इपंचदस्थां(श्यां) यतां-
- 57 कमोपि सम्वत्<sup>10</sup> ८७१ भाद्रपदसु(श्र)ड १५ <sup>11</sup>सुक्रे संजान(त)सोमग्रहणपर्व्वणि सुतीर्थे स्नात्वा गगनैक-

<sup>1</sup> Danda unnecessary.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Here a stroke has been used to show that the word is continued in the next line.

<sup>3</sup> The first pāda of this śloka does not conform to the ordinary rules of Anushtubh.

<sup>4</sup> This letter is redundant.

<sup>5</sup> Read °smat-kulē.

<sup>•</sup> This letter rā is redundant.

Read ottaranam.

Read pushpāņi.

<sup>•</sup> Read svargah Purandara.

<sup>10</sup> Mark the way of writing t in the plate.

<sup>11</sup> Read Sukrē. [See p. 54 n. 10 above.-Ed.]

- 58 चक्रचूडामणये कमिलनीकामुकाय भगवते भास्कराय न(ना)नाविधरत्नश्चाध्यमध्ये दत्वा(त्वा) भगवंतं स-
- 59 रासुरगुर्र तिलीकोपतिसुमापतिसभ्यर्च यजनयाजनादिषद्वमीनरतिभ्य: ऋतुक्रियाकाग्छ-
- 60 शौग्डेभ्य: महामात्यश्रीदइपैयविग्चितव्र(ब्र)ह्मपुरीविष्रेभ्य: । यत्रप्रत्येकं नामगीवा-दीनि ॥
- 61 गोडर्दस(ম)विनिर्गतमा(মा)खिङ्यगोत्रकोयुमसाखा(মाखः) काकोपखितः पितामइ-पख्डितसुतः मध्यदे-
- 62 सा(शा)न्तष्पाति मृंजस्थानविनिगतवत्सगोत्रव(ब)ह्नचसाखा(शाखः) देवधरदीचित[:] यज्ञ-दीचितसुतः तथा
- 63 भरद्वाजगोत्रमाध्यंदिनमाखा(शाखः) दामादर्ः । त्रेमैयादीचितसुतः तथा भागवगोत्र-व(ब)ह्नचसा-
- 64 खा(शाखः) सूदवैय मोमस्व(श्व)रेयोपाध्यायस्तः लाटदेसान्तव्याति भगुक च्छविनिगोतउप-मन्युगो-
- 65 तव(ब)हृचसाखा(शाखः) दामीदर्यः\*] स्टनदीचितस्तः तथा त्रात्रेयगोत्रराणायनीसा-खा(शाखः) नारायणीपासनी दा-
- 66 मोदरीपाध्यायसृत: तथा कुिस(श्वि)कगीतव(ब)हुचसाखा(शाखः) श्रीपित[:\*] श्रीमिहोत्री कस(श्व)वीपाध्यायसृत: त-
- 67 था त्रात्वेयगोत्रव(ब)ह्रृचसाखा(शाखः) श्रीपतिभद्ध[:\*] दुगैयाउपासनीसुतः तथा य(ज)-मदग्निगोत्रव(ब)ह्रुचसाखा-
- 68 (ग्राख:) कनकेस्व(श्व)र[:\*] वेलादित्योपाध्यायस्त: तथा आत्रेयगोत्रव(ब)ह्र्चसाखा-(ग्राख:) वेलैयाउपामनी दी-
- 69 म्बैयाग्राग्निहोत्रोस्तः तथा लोकाचगोत्वयज्ञसाखा(शाखः) सर्व्वदेवैय ईस(म्बा)रीपाध्याय-स्तः तथा
- 70 त्रातियगीतव(ब)ह्नचसाखा(शाखः) विदृषैयीपाध्याय[:\*] सोढलैयीपाध्यायसुतः एवमाः
- 71 दिभ्य: यजनयाजनादिषद्वर्माकरणाय व(व)लिचरुकम्र(का)म्निष्टोतक्रतुक्रियाद्युप-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Read ontahpāti. [What has been read as sh may be the upadhmānīya sign.—Ed.]

## Third Plate.

- 72 समर्प्येणाय $^1$  च मंदरजविषयां[त:पाति कि]दिक्कृताग्राम: समस्तपिक्कितामहित: श्राराम-
- 73 कप्तगीसणिका<sup>2</sup> ममन्वितश्व [।\*] यस्य चाघाटनानि ॥ पूर्व्वत: श्रीपनर<sup>3</sup>पर्व्वतीय-पाणीवाडसीमा ॥
- 74 उत्तरती नोम्बाग्रामसीमा ॥ पश्चिमतो मातरग्राममीमा ॥ दिचण्तः साम्बिनन- ॥
- 75 दी मीमा । एवं चतुराघाटनीपनचितः स्वसीमापर्थ्यन्तः महण्काष्ठीदकीपेतः पूर्वे-दत्तदेवदायव(ब)ह्मदा-
- 76 यवर्जो: श्रनादेस्य:(म्य:) श्रनासेध्य: ममु[त्यद्य]मानद्रमापंचदशम(श्वातश्चाता)यस्थान[:\*]
  यत्रांकतो- ॥ र्
- 77 पि द्रमा: १५०० पर्व्वतिचितिममकालीनं श्राचंद्राके यावदुदकातिमर्गीण परमया भक्त्या
- 78 मा(शा)मर्न[न\*] प्रतिपादित: । तद्यं(देषां) भुंजता भोजयतां क्षषतां कर्षयतास्वा न केनापि परिपंथना करणी-
- 79 या । यदृत्रं पुरातनमञ्चामुनिभिः । व(व) हुभि खेमुधा भुता राजभिः मगरादिभिः । यस्य यस्य यदा भूमि- । $^5$
- 80 स्तस्य तस्य तटा फलं(लम् ।[।२०॥\*] सद्यो दानं निरायामं सायस $^6$  दीर्घयाल- नं(नम्) । ऋत एव मुनय: प्रहु $^7$ र्दानाच्छेयोनुपा-
- 81 ननं(नम्) ।[३१॥\*] दला(त्वा) भूमिं भाविनः पार्थिवन्द्रान्धूयो भूयो याचते रामभद्रः । सामान्योयं धर्मासतुर्नराणां का-
- 82 ले क(का)ले माननीयो भव[ड्रि:] ।[।२२॥\*] यानीह दत्तानि पुरा नरेंद्रैर्हानानि धमार्थें<sup>3</sup> यस(श्)स्कराणि । निर्माख्यवान्तप्र-

¹ Read 'dy-ut sarppanāya.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Reading is doubtful. [Reading appears to be ārāmaka-pūgī-khani(ni)kā.—Ed.]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> [Reading seems to be śrī-Nēra.—Ed.]

<sup>4</sup> Here two strokes have been used to show that the word is continued in the next line.

<sup>6</sup> Here a stroke has been used to show that the word is continued in the next line.

Read s-āyāsam.

<sup>7</sup> Read ata ēva= rshayah or ēvam tu munayah prāhur= as in other inscriptions.

<sup>8</sup> Read dharmm-artha ..

- 83 तिमानि तानि को नाम साधु: पुनराइदोत ॥[३३॥\*] इत्यवधार्य समागामिभिन्टे-पतिरन्यैकी भर्मापालनफललो-
- 84 भ एव करणीय: । न पुनस्तक्षीपनपापकलंकाग्रेसरेण केनापि भवितव्यं । एवमः भ(भ्य)र्थितोपि लोभाटज्ञान-
- 85 तिमिरपटलान्न(त्र)तमितराच्छिं यादाच्छियमानादनुमोदयित<sup>2</sup> । स्वयं च महापातकैर्य-पातकैर्व्या लिप्यते ।
- 86 रीरवमहारीरवांधतमिस्रादिनरकांखिरमनुभविष्यति । उक्तं च भगवता व्यासेन ॥ स्वदत्तां परदत्तास्वा यी
- 87 इर्रेड(हरेत व)मुंधरा । स विष्ठायां क्रामिभृत्वा क्रिमिभः मह पचित ॥[२४॥\*] विस्प्राटवीष्वतायासु सु(भ्र)ष्ककोटरवामिनः ।
- 88 [म]हाइयो हि जायन्ते भृमिदायं हरन्ति य ॥[३५॥\*] गार्मकां स्वर्ण्णेमकं वा भूमरप्येकमंगुलं हरवरकमा-॥
- 89 प्रोति यावदाह्नत- प्रवं(वम्) ।[।३६॥ ई.] श्रारामाणां मङ्ग्रेण तडागानां म(ग्र)तेन च [। ई.] गवां कोटिप्रदानेन भूमि-। ई
- 90 इत्ती न सु(म्र)ध्यित ।[३०॥\*] षष्ठिर्व्वर्षमहस्राणि स्वर्गे तिष्ठति मानव: । ग्राच्छेत्ता चानुमन्ता च तान्येव नर्रक ।"
- 91 विशेत् [।३८॥] — — — मद्दंस(श्)जा[: पर\*]महोपितवंस(श्)- जा वा पापादपितमनमो भुवि भाविभूपा: ।
- 92 ये पालयन्ति सस धर्मासिस(स) समस्तं तिषां सया निरती जिल्लिंग सूर्घा ॥ अत्र । अत्र ।
- 93 को लेखक इस्तेन स्तकोयमतनारोपयति । मतं मम महामण्डलेस्व(श्व)राधि-[पति\*]श्रोमन्मुम्मुण्रा-।
- 94 जटेवस्य महामग्डलेख(य)राधिपतियोमहज्जडटेवसूनो: । लिखितं चैतन्नागलैयेर्नात ॥ छ ॥

<sup>1</sup> Read -nripatibhir=anyair=vā.

<sup>2</sup> Read omānam=anuo.

<sup>3</sup> Here two strokes have been used to show that the word is continued in the next line.

<sup>4</sup> Here a stroke has been used to show that the word is continued in the next line.

<sup>5</sup> Read shashtim varsha ..

<sup>6</sup> Danda unnecessary.

<sup>7</sup> About seven letters are indistinct here.

<sup>•</sup> Read virachitō=mijalir=.

## No. 11.—TIRUPPUVANAM PLATES OF JATAVARMAN KULASEKHARA I.

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Tiruppūvanam, a village in the Sivaganga Zamindari of the Rāmnād District and a station on the Madura-Rāmnād section of the South-Indian Railway, is situated on the south bank of the river Vaigai, called Vegavati in Sanskrit. It is 12 miles south-east of Madura and 16 miles west of Sivaganga.1 The Pushpavanesvara temple of the village is an ancient one: it is celebrated in the hymns of the three Tamil Saiva saints Tirujñānasambandha. Appar and Sundaramūrtti-Nāyanār.<sup>2</sup> Invited by Kulachchirai-Nāyanār, the Pāndya minister, and Mangaiyarkkara'si, a Chola princess and queen of the Pandya king known in Tamil literature as Nelvoli-porvenraninraśīr-Nedumāran, saint Tirujñānasambandha is said to have gone to Madura, and to have overcome the Jainas under whose influence the king had become a staunch supporter of their cause. He brought the king back to the Saiva faith, and on this occasion, after accomplishing the mission for which he was sent, the saint, accompanied by Nedumāran, his queen and minister, visited thirteen other places in the Pāṇḍya country which were held sacred by the Śaivas and sang hymns on them.3 From the hymns on Tiruppūvaņam, it is gathered that it was, in those days, a flourishing city with palatial buildings, fine gardens and broad streets and contained residences of wealthy families of weavers.4 The Siva temple of the place is stated in the hymns to have been worshipped by 'the three kings of the South', i.e., the Chēra, Chōla and Pāndva,5 Sundaramūrti-Nāyanār is also stated to have visited the place in company with the three contemporary sovereigns of the same three families. The Pāṇḍva king of his time, we are told, was a son-in-law of the Chola. It was at a spot near the city of Tiruppūvaņam that the Jainas had been impaled in the days of Maravarman, the victor of the Nelveli.7

The Tiruppūvaṇam temple is in possession of twelve copper-plate<sup>8</sup> leaves. Having learnt through the kind offices of the Brahmin lady trustee of the Tiruppūvaṇam temple residing in Madura, that the plates in question are safely preserved in the karivēlam of the temple, I went to the place and made a fruitless attempt to get the plates for comparing the published text and correcting it in situ. Frustrated in my endeavour I wrote to the Government Epigraphist for India to obtain the plates on loan and take their impressions and supply me with one set of them for editing the inscription in the Epigraphia Indica. He took prompt action on my

<sup>1</sup> Sewell's List of Antiquities, Vol. I, p. 298.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Tirujñānasambandha has contributed 'Araiyār punalum' 11 verses and 'Mādamar mēniyaṇāgi' 11 verses, while Appar has sung 'Vadirēju tirišūlam' 11 verses. Of Sundaramūrtti's decade of verses, two are lost; the first verse of his padigam commences with 'Tirurudaiyār'.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> These fourteen places are Tiruvālavāy, Tirupparankunram, Tiru-Āppanūr, Tiruvēdagam, Tirupputtūr, Tirukkodunkunram, Tirukkānappēr, Tiruppūvanam, Tiruchehuliyal, Tirukkurrālam, Tiru-Nelvēli, Tiruvirāmēšvaram, Tiruvādāṇai and Tiruppunavā-al.

<sup>4 &#</sup>x27; Tērār vīdi māda-nīdu ten-Riruppūvanamē'.

<sup>5</sup> Muraiyān mudi-šēr Tenņar Šērar Šōļarga=dām vaņangum tiraiyār-oli-šēr šemmaiy-ōngu teņ-Ŗiruppūvaņam'; Mārāv-aņbir=Ŗennar Šērar Šōļargaļ pōrrišaippa'.

<sup>6</sup> P. 1123 of Periyapuranam, 1934 edition.

i Būsurargal panind=ēttum Pūvana-nannagar-marungir-kāśinimēl viļangiyadu kaļuvar-padaivīdenavē . (Tiruvālavāyudaiyār-Tiruviļaiyādarpurānam, 38, v. 50).

<sup>8</sup> About them Sewell wrote as follows in his List of Antiquities, Vol. I, p. 298 :--

<sup>&</sup>quot;A copper-plate grant of ten leaves belonging to the temple has been published by Bishop Caldwell in the Indian Antiquary, Vol. VI, p. 142, together with a supplementary plate of two leaves,"

The writer must have meant 'sides' by 'leaves', for Burgess and Natesa Sastri correctly note "Five plates only of the sāsanam are there (i.e., in the Indian Antiquary) given in fac-simile from Sir Walter Elliot's impressions. The whole is here given translated from new impressions obtained with considerable difficulty owing to the ignorant stupidity of the Temple guardians" (A.S.S.I., Vol. IV, p. 21).

suggestion and on 31st January 1939 placed at my disposal two excellent sets of impressions from which I now edit the plates. Dr. Chakravarti took the measurements of the plates and found that what was given in the Archaelogical Survey of South India, Vol. IV, was incorrect. His note is given below:—

"Of the first set, the first ten plates measure approximately  $16\frac{7}{8}$ " in length (the plates are not of exactly equal size) while their breadth is roughly  $5\frac{7}{8}$ " except of the 4th and 10th which are 6" and  $6\frac{1}{8}$ " respectively. The eleventh plate is  $17\frac{3}{16}$ " long and  $6\frac{1}{8}$ " broad. The plate of Kōnērinmaikoṇḍāṇ (supplementary plate) is  $17\frac{3}{8}$ " long and 6 " broad."

All the plates bear writing on both sides and the lines run from edge to edge in some of them without leaving any vacant margin. There are 15 lines on each of the plates I, II, III, IVa, VIb, VIIb, VIIb, and Xb; 16 lines on IVb, V, VIa, VIIa, VIIIa, IXa, Xa, and XIa; and 17 lines on IXb and XIb. On the whole there are 343 lines of writing in the first set of eleven plates. A ring-hole is bored in the centre of the left side about an inch and a half from the left edge. Though the plates have not got raised rims to protect the writing, the inscription is fairly well preserved excepting some portions of the last four lines of the first face of the sixth plate. A few letters on Va, IVa and b and Xa are also damaged. The existence of the hole is an indication that the plates must have been strung on a ring bearing perhaps a seal also, though there is none at present. In all probability it must have been lost years ago.

The text and translation given in volume IV of the Archæological Survey of South India require revision. There are serious misreadings especially in proper names. To point only a few, the volume gives punaratō for °s=tata imē (l. 3), grāmasy=āradhik-āptim for grāmasy=āghāṭa-kļiptim (l. 4), Kakaṇēri for Nakkaṇēri (l. 33), pāśakappaḍi for pāḍagappaḍi (l. 38), janamikaļ (janaṅkaļ!) for jaṇmiṇaļ (l. 44), Kakekuḍi for Kaḍukkuḍi (l. 47), Śembāṇēri for Śēṭṭāļēri (l. 48), Tiruppu for tiṇappu (l. 49), irvūr-pārttaṇṇaṇ for irvūrpāṛ-Chundaṇ (l. 60), Narimaṇṇamānum-Kaṇḍanallūr m for Narimaṇṇam-āṇa Varagaṇḍa-Nallūrum (ll. 60f.), irvūr Maḍāṛ-Śilaiyaṇ for ivvūrppār-Chilaiyaṇ (l. 61), paśalaiyūr for Pālaiyūr (l. 90), tōṭarum for dēraium (ll. 91f.), Mahā-vidhinallūr for Kāvidinallūr (l. 112), Pulišāni for Pullāṇi (ll. 119f.), Kēśaraṇum for Kōraṇum (l. 128), Kēśaraṇ for Āḍuvāṇ (ll. 130f.), Sidayil-araya-Baṭṭaṇ for Śī-Kaylāya-Baṭṭaṇ (l. 135), Valliyaṇ piḍittalai for Villiy-āṇa Muḍittalai (l. 137), maruvāy-ikkaṇṇūḍē for maruvāy-Iḍakkāṇṣ-ūḍē (l. 191), vaḍakku varayum for vaḍavāyum (ll. 195f.), Paṭaiḍiyai for paṭai-kōyilaḍiyai (ll. 197f.), i-n for te (l. 200), maralāra for Mālār (l. 219), Śeyyai for śerrai (l. 235), kkāra for kāṃ (l. 242), and kavāyil for agavāyil (l. 243).

As only the first five plates are numbered, it is not possible to say definitely whether the numbering was done when the plates were engraved or at a subsequent date. The caligraphy of the numerals seems to indicate that the numbers must have been incised at a somewhat later date. It behoves us therefore to see if the rest of the plates are in order and whether the set is complete.<sup>2</sup> On examination, we find that the face commencing with the line nokki of the seventh plate is the second, for it reads well with the syllables at the end of the other face karaiyē-te which must therefore be the first face of that plate. And the first line of the first face has the syllables l-karaiyē which reads in continuation of the last syllables of the sixth plate. viz., ikkālvņ-mē. In volume IV of the Archæological Surrey of South India, by reading the second face of the seventh

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> [Like Leiden Plates the writing on these plates also seems to have been done by the process known as à cire perdue. (See above, Vol. XXII, p. 213).—Ed.]

<sup>\*</sup> This is easily done by reading through the first and last lines of each face of the plates and marking out the second face by the fact of the first line reading in continuation of the syllables at the end of the other face. This done, we know the first face of each plate. Then we have only to see where the syllables at the end of the second face of one plate run on with the first syllable of the first face of another.

plate after the end of the sixth plate and then reading the first face after the second, a mistake has been committed. The order of the rest of the plates as given there is correct and none of the plates is missing. Another defect in the published text is that it has omitted to give one full line found on the second side of the ninth plate. This mistake has occurred as two consecutive lines (ll. 272-3) commence with the same syllables ku nokki=chchenru Milaganūr-ku. There are many instances where final consonants have been treated as the first combined consonant and vice versā. These defects and the summary treatment of the contents in the Archæological Survey of South India, Vol. IV, make the re-publication of the inscription a great desideratum.

Excepting the first five lines of the first plate, first side. which are in Sanskrit verse written in Grantha characters, the rest of the inscription is in Tamil language and alphabet. Though the orthographical peculiarities found in the record are common to the epigraphs of this period. a few of them deserve to be noted here. There are numerous instances where the sardhe rules are not observed. In the Tamil portion Grantha letters are used in many places where Sanskrit words occur. For instances see Vēda. Sāstra (l. 16) and brahmadēya (l. 19). The superscript r is marked by a short slanting stroke engraved on the top of the letter, e.g., rbu (1.2), imma (1, 13). Punctuation is denoted by what is called single or double pillaryar-suli and resarralike mark; see, for example, lines 3 and 5. Medial long ī is well distinguished from the short by being given a closed loop on the right of the concave curve on the top of the letters (II. 5, 6, 9, 12, 39, 40, 42). Rk and rt are often used for rkk and rtt: see, for example. Milayanurku (II. 272-3), Mārankirti (I. 270) and Karpakirti (I. 269). The words mūlavyir-tiru (I. 288), ellaiyirtiru (1. 284) and ēmbarten (1. 309) ought to be mūlaiyir-riru, ellaiyir-riru and ēmbar=ren. There are instances of doubling of consonants where unnecessary and of omission to double them when necessary; e.g., chenru-kKatte° (l. 281). Another noteworthy feature is the use of the accusative for the locative in words like rāykkālary-izandu and kālary-izangi. In these cases, Tamil would require \*kālīl. Influence of Sanskrit has perhaps to account for the departure in these cases.

The inscription is in two parts of which the first, which is very brief, is in Sanskrit and covers only five lines. It gives the mythical genealogy of the Pandyas traced from Hari (Vishnu) through Atri. Moon. Budha and Purūravas, and states that Rājagambhīradēva, in the 25th year of his reign, on the day of Svati. corresponding to a Sunday and the eleventh tithi of the dark fortnight of the month in which the Sun was in Dhanush, ordered the determination of the boundaries of the village which was called after his name, by circumambulating it with a female elephant. It is to be noted that not even the king's immediate ancestors are mentioned in the record. The king is said to have been apprised of the formation of the new village by Sundaresa, Who this person is it is not possible to say definitely, as the corresponding Tamil portion omits this fact altogether. Since the formation of the kind is generally conveyed to kings by officials such as Secretaries and Ministers and sometimes even by princes who were in attendance on them, we may not be wrong in thinking that Sundarēśa was one such person of distinction. We know from a record of Jațăvarman Kulaśēkhara I (with Pāciņkiļatti introduction) found at Chaturvēdimangalam² that the king had a brother-in-law by name Alagapperumāl, and our plates also enable us to gather that Pillaiyar Alagapperumal held a high position, for a person under him bearing the official designation adigāram acted as kaņkāņi in the settlement of boundaries

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This defect was noticed by me when I arranged the plates in order and got them strung on a wire. It was independently noticed by Dr. Chakravarti also when he had the impressions taken of the inscription on the plates.

<sup>2</sup> No. 298 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1927-28.

of the new village. It is not unlikely that machchunanār Alagapperumāļ and Peļļacyār Alagapperumal indicate two different persons. Sundaresa being a good Sanskrit rendering of the name Algapperumal, there is a possibility of one of the two persons of that name being referred to. But of this we cannot be certain. If a prince is meant, can it refer to Maravarman Sundara-Pandya I who, at the time of the record, might be supposed to have been serving the king? The second part which is in Tamil, opens with the usual eulogy of king Jatavarman Kulaśekhara commencing with the words Pārinkilatti and runs to the end of the eleventh plate. It consists of two principal sentences, the first beginning from the end of line 5 (plate Ia) and ending with the beginning of line 139 (plate Vb) with  $\delta \bar{u} radu$ , and the second commencing with the words paden-wāṇṛ-āvadin-edu in line 139 (plate Vb) and ending with the word regards in line 338 (plate XIb). These two sentences are followed by the names of the writer of the document and the signatories who attested it and these cover up lines 338 to 343 in the last plate. The composing of this Tamil part of the inscription consisting of 338 lines of writing and covering nearly all the 22 sides of the plates, obscures the clear understanding of the various transactions involved and detailed in it. The main sentence, which gives the principal and immediate **object** of the inscription is Kulaśckaraderarkku yandu 13-radu nāl nāl-āginātu muṇṇūrru arupadınal (ll. 14f.) pidi-nadanda ellaikku or "padikku azar-ölai seydu kudutta parisaradı (l. 73 and 1. 138) meaning "this is the deed drawn up and given in the thirteenth year and four thousand and three-hundred and sixtieth day of the reign of Kulaśēkharadēva (embodying) the boundaries as circumambulated by the female elephant". The noting down of the boundaries of the entire village from point to point is thus the main object of this set of eleven copper-plates; and it may be said that it is the last of a series of actions involved in the constitution and grant of the new village of Rājagambhīra-chaturvēdimangalam as biahmadēya. The document was drawn up by the persons authorised in the royal order issued on the day specified in the Sanskrit portion as vijē vatsarē pameha-vimšē Chaņdāmšāv=ātta-chāpē Kavakapatr-tahan krishņa-paksh-Ārkīvāva-Svātī-yōgē and repeated in the Tamil portion in the words padin-mūnrāvadin-edir pannirandāmāṇdu. Dhanu-vāyarru vālāv-tiyadiyum apara-pakshattu ēkādašīyum Šaņī-kkīļamarījum perra Šōdināl (ll. 139ff.). This earlier date had been calculated by the late Professor Kielhorn and found to agree with Saturday, 29th November A. D. 1214. As such, the 13th year and 4360th day of the king's reign (=the 26th year, or more correctly 25 years and 40 days) which relates to the drawing up of the boundary deed, must be later than A. D. 1214. November 29, by such number of unexpired months and days as remained in the 25th year (i.e., 12th current year after the 13th) of the king's reign plus 40 days of the 26th year (i.e., 13th year opposite the 13th). The formation of the brahmadeya and the grant of it had already been effected when the order for the karini-bhramana was given on the 29th November A.D. 1214. This is plain by the statement nīkki ulla udam munnudaiyārum paļam pērum veļļān-vagacyum mudalun-tavīztu oru-nādum or-ūrum oru paravum ākki Rājagambhīra-vaļanāṭṭu Rājagambhīra-chaturvvēdimainqalam=cnnun= tirunāmattāl brahmadēyañ=cheydaruļi (ll. 70-72) meaning 'the remaining lands had been constituted as the brahmadēya village of Rājagambhīra-chaturvēdimangalam so called after the sacred name (of the king) and included in Rajagambhīra-valanādu: the previous owners, old names, the classification as vellān-vagai, cultivating ryots and mudal of the lands removed and classed under one nādu, one puravu and one village'. We shall refer to the significance of this in the sequel. With regard to the royal order issued on the 29th November A.D. 1214, it must be said that while the Sanskrit portion stops with mentioning the immediate circumambulation of the village which was called after the king's name (sv-ābhidānasya grāmasy=āghāṭa-kliptim=prati sapadi karēnum qamayıtım=avadat Rājagambhīradēvah), the Tamil portion is more explicit and states what ought to be done further. It tells us that the circumambulation of the four boundaries of the said village must be effected in the presence of the superintendents (appointed for the purpose), and.

for the boundaries thus gone round, a deed also must be drawn up and given. This is clear from the passage ivvūr nāng-ellaiyun=kankānigaļōdun=kūda=ppidi-śūlndu pidi nadanda ellaikku aravōlai śeydu kudukkav-enru tiruvāy-molindaruļiņamaiyil (ll. 72-74).

We have referred above to three dates that occur in the inscription and have shown that two of them are identical and relate to the day on which the boundaries of the new village were ordered to be determined by the king and that the third, which is expressed in years and days, and which is later than the other two was the day on which the document was drawn up. The identical nature of two of the dates being assured by the details, the mention of the year in two ways. viz.. pañcha-vimsē (the 25th) and padin-mungāvadin edir pannirandu (the 12th year opposite the 13th) shows that the number of years given after the word edir must be added to the number expressed before it. Two other dates occur in the inscription. riz., padin-mūnrāvadin-edir pattām-āndu-varai (up to the 10th year opposite the 13th) and pulin-mūngāvadin edir padin-onrām-āndu-mudal (from the 11th year opposite the 13th), in connection with the clubbing together of the villages and lands in the new village and the grant of it as a brahmadēya. The first refers to the state of the items of lands as they stood up to the 23rd year and the second refers to the fact that the brahmadeya had to take effect from the next year, i.e., the 24th year. Evidently the omission to recognise this particular fact, riz., that the 25th year of the king's reign is expressed by padin-munravadin-edit pannirandu, though recognising the identical nature of the astronomical details given both in the Sanskrit and Tamil portions, has led the late Pandit Natesa Sastri, who seems to have taken all the years to be one and the same, to postulate the following theory:

"Nothing definite can be made out of this phrase (padin-mūnrāvadin edv padin-onrāmāndu) for the present. Some are of opinion that one of them refers to the age of the king and
the other to the number of years he had reigned, but this  $S\bar{a}sanam$  contradicts that theory; for
in IIa, l. 10, we have the 10th year opposite the 13th year, and in Vb, l. 2, the 12th year opposite
the 13th year. The following theory may be suggested:—The description of the day of letting
loose of the elephant in Ia and of the day in Va (correctly Vb) exactly coincides; and fortunately
in Va (Vb) instead of merely stating in the 13th year, it is said in the 12th year opposite the
13th year; from these and bearing in mind that at the commencement of the  $S\bar{a}sanam$  it is
stated "in the 13th year, 4364th day", and that according to the rough Hindu calculation of

360 days for every year, 4364 days come to  $\frac{4364}{360}$  =12 years and 44 days, I think that " in the

12th year opposite the 13th year", may mean, after the completion of the 12th year in the 13th year of the reign. Similarly "11th year opposite the 13th year" may mean after the completion of the 11th year, i.e., in the 12th year of the reign. Similarly 10th, in each case the present year of the reign is also added".

Against this, Burgess noted: "This theory of the Pandit's is ingeneous, but will not do: the 13th year cannot coincide with parts of three years. Can it be 1310, 1311, and 1312 Saka that is meant by the dates? If so, the number of days may refer to the reign".

Except in showing the difficulties felt in explaining the double dates, these theories have no value whatsoever to us now, and we pass on with the remark that the singling out of a particular year—in this case the 13th year—still remains to be definitely and satisfactorily made out.

That the determination of the boundaries commenced on the very day the order was given might be inferred from line 140. I would consider that there is an omission of the words 'piqi naqappitu' after 'sūlndu' in the extract given above for the reason that the document, while repeating the same in another place, has the phrase 'piqi naqatta=ppiqi naqandapaqikku' (1.138). There are still other defects in this part of the document. It omits to state to whom the order

was issued and what formalities were observed by the recipients. Judging from other copper-plates it may be said that the order must have been addressed to the assembly of the district of Rājagambhīra-vaļanādu. It could not have been issued to the assembly of any of the sub-divisions in it, for the villages and lands that had been clubbed to form the new village of Rājagambhīra-chaturvēdimangalam, belonged to more than one sub-division. Then again, the inscription does not state to whom this document of boundaries was ordered to be given or was granted. The verb kudukka (shall be given) in the passage extracted above, has no object. But it may be reasonably presumed that it should have been directed to be given to the donees and must have been left in the possession of the subhā of Rājagambhīra-chaturvēdimangalam representing the vast number of one thousand and eighty donees. If this was the case, there arise the questions as to how the Tiruppūvaṇam temple has come to be in possession of it, whether it is the original document that was granted, or only a copy, and if a copy, whether such a copy could not be found elsewhere. The answer to these questions is given below in the introduction to the article on the supplementary plate.

The inscription tells us that eleven persons were appointed to superintend the settlement of boundaries. Their names (ll. 74-93) are given in Appendix A. I. Of these eleven persons, one (No. 4) was the agent of the Tirurāykkēlvi officer Ponnan Sūrivadēvan alias Javadhara-Pallavaraivan, another (No. 5) was the kankāņi of Povvāmolidēvar, a third (No. 6) was the kaņkāņi of Šrīrāman Tiruvudaivān alias Pottappichcholar, the fourth (No. 7) was the kaņkāņi of the māliqaittaņam officer Šīvalavan Aļagivamaņavāļan alias Kālingarāyan, the fifth (No. 8) was the kankāni of Malavarāvar, the sixth (No. 9) was the adigāram of Pillaivār Alagapperumāl and the seventh (No. 11) was one of the anukkar of Alagivapandivanar, who was scrutinising the affairs of the District of Solapandiya-valanadu. Along with the 11 kankanus, 65 others representing the villages adjacent to Rājagambhīra-chaturvēdimangalam, most of them being connected with the formation of the new village, went with the elephant and fixed the boundaries, Their names and their native villages and nadu (Appendix A, II to XVI) are given in plates IVa (1.93) to Vb (1.138). The details of the boundaries from point to point commencing with a spot on the north-eastern corner and ending with the same spot are set forth in plates Vb (l. 140) to XIb (l. 338). This document mentioning the details of boundary of the village, i.e., this inscription, was drawn up by one of the officials (No. 1 of App. A, I) and was attested by three others (Nos. 2 to 4 of the same Appendix) (ll. 338-343).

The duty of the eleven superintendents, who were mostly officials drawn from various parts of the country and were unconnected with the villages that were combined together to form the biahmadēya, must have been to see that the procedure was correctly observed. The actual work was left to be done by the local people. Of the sixty-five others, seven including one who was a resident of Tiruppūvaṇam, led the elephant, while the others showed the boundaries of their respective villages. The ceremony of circumambulation with seventy-six responsible persons going with an elephant and covering a large area, must have been an imposing one: and by the very nature of the troubles involved in the execution of the task, it must have been done in several stages and taken a long time to finish. The wide extent which was covered by the newly constituted village may, to some measure, be conceived by the fact that it included in it as many as one hundred and forty old villages and lands which lay not in one sub-division but in five separate divisions, viz., Kīraṇūr-nāḍu, Panaṅgalūr-nāḍu, Tīyandaikkuḍi-nāḍu, Mērkuḍi-nāḍu and Purapparalai-nāḍu (Appendix B). The party for the settlement of boundaries had to pass through a number of roads, rivers, and canals on their way. From Seyyakulattūr there passed three roads, one to Vēmbaṅguḍi (II. 333f.), another to Kadambaṅguḍi

(l. 142), and the third to Mūvaraiyarkōṭṭai (l. 145). From Mānavīramadurai there were roads running to Vēmbaṅguḍi (ll. 143f.), Mūvaraiyarkōṭṭai (l. 147), Neṭṭūr (l. 154), and Piḍāvūr (ll. 149f.). Between Kaṇṇaṇūr and Dēḍa(va)koṭṭai (l. 225), there was another road. From the village of Milagaṇūr there were roads leading to Irunchirai (l. 258) and Koṭṭakīṛṭi in Kāñai-Irukkai (ll. 244f.). Two other roads connected Vēļāṇēri and Aravaṇkuḍi (ll. 205f.), and Idaikkāṭtūr and Vēmbaṅguḍi (ll. 319 & 330).

The inscription may be said to express in action the abstract laws laid down by the ancient law-givers in the determination of boundaries of villages and lands. The number of villages that were directly concerned in this matter were as many as sixteen. As I have already discussed the laws to be observed in such cases it is needless to reiterate them here.

The early part of this inscription, which forms as it were the preamble of this document of boundaries, informs us how the new village of Rājagambhīra-chaturvēdimangalam came to be formed and what old villages and lands were taken up to constitute it. On a date, which is not specified, while the king was sitting on the seat called Malavarajan in the hall of the bed-chamber of his palace at Madurai, situated in the sub-division of Madakkulam, he ordered that a village called Rājagambhīra-chaturvēdimangalam after his name, should be formed consisting of one thousand and two hundred shares and be given as a beahmadeya, with effect from the eleventh year opposite the thirteenth of his reign, to one thousand and eighty Brāhmaņas, who were versed in the Vēdas and Sāstras and were capable of expounding them, each being given one share, and the remaining one hundred and twenty shares being set apart for the temple and for those that had to do service. The date that is not specified here may be taken to be the tenth year opposite to the thirteenth of the king's reign, since it is stated that the grant had to take effect from the eleventh year opposite the thirteenth. The names of the lands and villages that had been taken up and included in Rājagambhīra-chaturvēdimangalam as given in lines 19 to 69 are noticed in a separate appendix (B). This list of villages ends with the remark aga irrargalir= nalan-devadāņam pallichchandam kārāņmaiy-āņa nilam nīkki, i.e., 'excluding from these villages such lands as are old deradanas, pallichchandas and karanmai'. This general remark applies to all villages other than the ones which, though being deradanas, etc., had been specifically stated in the body of the list as having been taken up for inclusion in the new village. Such are the three deradāna villages, Vāgaikudi (l. 20), Muttūranārottai (ll. 59f.), and Sirukiļānkāttūr (l. 68) which belonged to the temple of Tiruppūvanamudaiyār. Some of the villages and lands of this list find mention in the description of boundaries, being situated on the boundary line. We learn from the description of boundaries that Marudur lay just to the west, and Sankaramangalam just to the south of Manaviramadurai, that Nirambaiyur was to the east of Somattur, that Velaneri was to the south of Karungulam, that Milaganur was to the north of both Kottakirti and Kanai-Irukkai, that Karpakīrti in Kāñai-Irukkai was situated just to the west of Mēr-Cheli, and to the south of Puvaninallur, that Nerkungam was immediately to the east of Kuvalaivēli, that Vāgaikudi was to the north of both Tirumālirunjolainallur and Sirukudi alias Vīrakāmugamangalam, and to the east of Vellurkuruchchi and to the south of Manabharana-chaturvēdimangalam which lay to the north of Tiruvāvaņam situated just to the east of Vellūrkuruchchi, and lastly, that Kudanjadi was to the south of Sundankuruchchi. From the boundaries given, we also learn that Rājagambhīra-chaturvēdimangalam had on its west Kīraņūr-nādu,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Māṇavīramadurai, 2. Marudūr, 3. Mēr-Paśalai, 4. Kīţ-Paśalai, 5. Poliyūr, 6. Kaļļikuḍi, 7. Iruñchirai in Kāṇai-Irukkai, 8. Miļaganūr, 9. Mālaṅguḍi, 10. Śirukuļattūr, 11. Śūrakuḍi, 12. Viḍattal, 13. Veļļūrkuruchchi, 14. Perumpuliyūr, 15. Vēļūr and 16. Tiruppūvaṇam.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Above, Vol. XXIV, pp. 30ff.

on the north Paṇaṅgalūr-nāḍu, on the east Tīyandaikuḍi-nāḍu, and on the south Purappaṇalai-nāḍu. The inscription mentions the rivers Vaigai alias Śrīvallabhappērāṇu (l. 161), Paraļaiyāṇu (l. 198), Kaļavalināḍaṇāru of Paṇaṅgalūr (l. 318) and Paṇalaikkāl (l. 193) and states that three of the dēvadāna lands of the temple of Tiruppūvaṇamuḍaiyār, named Muttūranāroṭṭai, Vāgaikuḍi and Śirukiļāṅkāṭṭūr, had been added on to the new village of Rājagambhīra-chaturvēdimaṅgalam as well as certain specified lands which formed the dēvadāna of the temples of Paśalaināthar and Śrī-Vaikunda-Viṇṇagar-Āļvār of Mēŗ-Paśalai alias Śrīvallabha-chaturvēdimaṅgalam (ll. 48—51).

Like the three dēradāna villages of Vāgaikudi, Muttūranārottai and Širukilānkāttūr, the whole village of Milaganur had been taken up and included in Rajagambhīra-chaturvēdimangalam. In exchange for the last, the following other villages were given, viz., Kuvalaivēli, Pudukkulam, Mārankīrti, Kāvidinallūr, Kadambamangalam, Šāttiyār-ēmbal in Achchankāttirukkai. and that part of Araivakulam in Kāñai-Irukkai which remained after removing the holding (kāni) of Mandari Rāman alvas Pallavaraivar (ll. 110-114). Care was taken to have the previous owners of these villages removed, their old names changed and the original constitution altered and the whole, like the lands and villages that were included in Rājagambhīrachaturvēdimangalam, grouped together and the newly formed village of Milaganūr was given the name Rājēndraśinganallūr. It was placed under the division Achchankāttırukkar and entered as such in State accounts (Il 114-116). The persons that were entrusted with the formation of this new village are given in group IX of Appendix A: they were among the party that accompanied the female elephant. It is worthy of note that in the constitution of this village also. which was not a Chaturyedimangalam, the same precaution was taken, as in the other, to bring the different units under one control and to make it homogeneous. The words used, viz... oru-nādum or-ūrum oru-purarum ākki, clearly indicate that it became a distinct constituency with single class of interest as Chaturvedimangalam was.

With the aid of this and a few other allied records, we propose to consider here firstly the constitution of the Chaturvëdimangalam referred to in the preamble and what it implies, secondly whether the king represented in the plates had any other introduction than the one beginning with  $P\bar{u}_{con}k_{clattr}$  and thirdly the geography of the districts and divisions of the  $P\bar{u}_{con}k_{clattr}$  country mentioned in the plates. On all these matters the existing notions seem to need correction.

Like the founding of temples, construction of tanks, provisions made for the requirements of various shrines, the opening of educational institutions with competent teachers in various branches, erection of feeding houses for the poor and the learned, and provisions made for doctors and hospitals to minister to the needs of the sick.—furthering the cause of the study of the Vēdas and Šāstras was considered a meritorious act by South Indian kings and chiefs and it found a tangible expression in the form of Chaturvēdimangalams, brahmadēyas, agaras or agrahāras and the like. One can easily pick out the names of hundreds of Chaturvedimangalams by running through the inscriptions contained in the volumes of South Indian Inscriptions ranging from the seventh century A.D. to the time of the Vijayanagara kings. If it is remembered that each one of this class of villages had been originally granted to a very large collection of eminent men who had studied the Vēdas and Śāstras and that each one of the villages had an administrative body called the sabhā, as we know from numerous instances, consisting of several committees and a general body of representative members, whose number in some cases was very large and who, by the qualifications insisted on, always kept up a high standard of Vedic learning. there could be no denying the fact that in South India, at any rate, there was a regular and systematic study of the Vēdas and the branches of subjects connected with them, and there were

hundreds of thousands of persons who carried the torch of Vedic learning in the way it used to be handed down. We would like to point out that the donees of the newly constituted brahmadēya village of Rājagambhīra-chaturvēdimangalam numbered as many as one thousand and eighty and that they had not only studied the Vēdas and Sāstras but were capable of expounding them. The cumulative conjunction um in the phrase Vēdamum sāstramum pēy and the use of the adjectival phrase vyākhyātākkaļāy irukkum qualifying ('haturvēdi-Bhattargal leave no doubt that the subjects of the Vēdas and Śāstras were studied not only with a view to grasping their meaning but in such a thorough manner as to entitle the votaries to be styled ryākhyātās, i.e., exegetes. Though these phrases are sufficient in themselves, we would point out some further instances from inscriptions which more clearly explain that these subjects were thoroughly studied in those days. These inscriptions use the additional word 'porutpada', i.e., 'with meaning' before the verb 'pōy' 'had gone through'. One of the inscriptions of Tiruttangāl, dated in the 9th year and 216th day of the reign of Jatavarman Kulasekhara with Pūviņkilatti introduction (the same king that figures in the large Tiruppūvaņam plates), registers a royal order issued on the representation of the king's officer Kālingarāyar for creating a brahmadēya village called Kulaśēkhara-chaturvēdimangalam by joining together four dēvadāna villages about Tiruttangāl with lands and house-sites allotted to 54 Brāhmaņas who were versed in the Vēdas and Sāstras and were capable of expounding them. The village-site where the Brahmanas had to reside was named 'Pugalogagandanallur'. We may refer to another inscription' dated in the 8th year and 215th day of the reign of Maravarman Sundara-Pandya II with the introduction Pūmalar-tiruvum which tells us that the great-grandfather of Śrī-Rāman Alagan alias Alagivapāndiya-Brahmādhirājan had originally established, in the name of Vēņādudaiyār, a village called Ravivarma-chaturvēdimangalam and settled in it forty-eight Chaturvēdi-Bhattas who had learnt with meaning (porutpada) the Vēdas and Śāstras and were capable of expounding them (ruākhuātākkalāy-irukkum), and twelve Bhattas who had to recite the Vēdas in the temple of Udaivār Tirunelvēli-Udaiyār, thus making in all sixty persons. On the representation of these sixty persons and on the recommendation of the officer Ayyan Malavarayar, the king granted all the lands situated in Kannanur alias Manabharanappadi, within certain specified boundaries, excluding from them the old devadanas and pallichchandas, to be included in Ravivarma-chaturvēdimangalam in order that the sixty persons settled in the village may get sixty shares, the temple of Śrī-Rāma-Vinnagar-Āļvār may have two shares, Pāṇḍimādēvīśvaramuḍaiyār may have two shares and Tondaiman-Vinnagar-Alvar may have one share. It is expressly stated that in this case, as indeed in others, the prior owners of lands as well as the classification under other heads had been removed and the whole constituted as one village with one puravu, one classification, etc. The point for note is that the Chaturvedimangalam was entirely a Brāhmanical village. And as we know that the  $sabh\bar{a}$  was the functioning body in such a village, there is no room for thinking that the members in it could be of any other class. The inscription clearly tells us that the interest in the constituency vested with one class of people, all others being expressly stated to have been removed and changed. One of the inscriptions of the time of the Chola king Rajaraja I gives the names of as many as 144 Brahmanical Villages (brahmadēyas), which had to supply persons for the post of treasurers, temple-servants and accountants to the Rājarājēśvara temple at Tanjore.3 Without even a single exception, each one of these villages is stated to have had a sabhā. Numerous transactions of the sabhā are

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> No. 543 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1922.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> No. 446 of S. I. I., Vol. V.

<sup>3</sup> S. I. I., Vol. II, No. 69

recorded in inscriptions giving the names of the members present in the meetings, numbering in some cases thirty and forty, and all of them are Brāhmaņas¹ as the titles and the gōtras show.

Still another mediæval Pāṇḍya inscription2 dated in the 13th year of the reign of Jatāyarman Sundara-Pāṇdya I, with the characteristic title Ellāntalaiyāṇa-Perumāl, gives very interesting details regarding the formation of another similar village called Vikramapandva-chaturvēdimangalam to settle down 108 Brāhmanas, many of whom were well-versed in the Vēdas and Sastras and were capable of expounding them. For the housing accommodation of these and their families, as well as the men who were in charge of the village library and the village servants, four vělis of land were purchased and set apart as village-site and it included in it the temple premises also. In purchasing the lands, the rights and privileges of the old tenants and title holders were completely bought up. Land for grazing the cattle was also provided for. For the maintenance of the 108 Brāhmaṇa families and others, 147\(\frac{3}{4}\) v\(\vec{e}lis\) of land in the village of Rājasikhāmaninallūr aluas Puļiyangudi were acquired. The following viittis were also provided for: three for teachers of the Vēdas, one for teachers of the Sūtras, one and three-fourths for two doctors, half for ambadiyas, half for the village accountant, one-fourth for a drummer, onefourth for a blacksmith, half for carpenter, one-fourth for goldsmith, three-eighths for iraikolli. three-eighths for barber, one-fourth for a washerman, three-fourths for a village watchman, and one-eighth for rettiyan. Further, it is said that three-fourths of the nattum land outside the Brähman quarter, was set apart for Vellan-kanıyalar and the remainder for other professional people. All taxes were remitted and it was stipulated that from the 14th year of the king's reign, i.e., from the first year of the constitution of the new agrahāra village of Vikramapāndyachaturvēdimangalam, 500 kalam of superior paddy had to be measured out every year to the temple at Chidambaram.

The contents of this inscription, as well as those of others of this class, some of which we have noticed above, show clearly that the constituency of Chaturvedimangalam was purely one of Brāhmanas, self-sufficient in every way; and other classes of people were given separate accommodation in the nattum lands and were there for performing specific acts. In this limited constituency having a fixed extent of land, be it great or small, which had been completely bought up with all rights, and with their old names, prior holdings and different heads of classification entirely removed, and vested with and owned by one class of people as one unit under the different and distinguishing name Chaturyēdimangalam, there is absolutely no room for thinking that in the sabhā which, as we know from numerous inscriptions, was the administrative body functioning in such a village, there could have been any member that belonged to any other class of people. Though from the qualifications laid down in the two Uttaramallur inscriptions for membership in committees and from the actual names of persons that are mentioned as members of sabhās in numerous other epigraphs, we could gather that the sabhā was the administrative body functioning in Brāhmanical villages and that it had only Brāhman members, more direct evidence is afforded in No. 3 of South Indian Inscriptions, Vol. VIII. This inscription states that a royal order having been issued by the Chola king Rājādhirāja I to the officer Śōla-Pāndya-Mūvēndavēlar to the effect that from the interest to be given in paddy by Brāhmaṇa-ūrqal (Brāhmanical villages) on sums received by them on loan from the treasury of the temple at Conjeevaram provision may be made for two Sivabrāhmaņas performing worship and four Sivabrāhmaņas performing parichāraka work, he directed the person that was looking after the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Nos. 986 of S. I. I., Vol. V; No. 133 of Vol. IV; and 231 of Vol. VIII.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Nos. 277 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1913; and the review in part II of the Madras Epigraphical Report, 1914, p. 92.

temple affairs  $(K\ddot{o}yil-\ddot{S}_{i}ik\ddot{a}_{i}yam)$  to make the nimandas. In the nimanda that was actually made in pursuance of this order, instead of 'Brāhmaṇa-ūrgal' as at first mentioned, we find the 'sabhās' of the five villages Širukachchippēdu, Uttamašola-chaturvēdimangalam, Parāntakachaturvēdimangalam, Milalaimangalam and Aparāyita (Aparājita)-chaturvēdimangalam. substitution of the 'sabhās' of these five villages for 'Brāhmaṇa-ūrgal' makes it plain that the sabhā was the functioning body in Brāhmanical villages. This class of constituency, as indeed any other such as ūr. raqara, etc., was not a promiscuous jumbling of varied interests as one finds at present. Unless one confounds ancient institutions with modern ones, no different and contrary view could be validly put forth. The different appellations such as ūr, nagara, sabhā, etc., by which the administrative bodies of villages were called, show the different nature of their constitution. If the village was one of Vellan landlords with the necessary families of farmers, artisans, barbers, potters, washermen, doctors, etc., it had the assembly of the  $\bar{m}_i$ , the members of which body were Vellan landlords. If the village was one of merchantmen, traders and men engaged in manufacture and industry, it was subject to the assembly of the raqura. And if it was a Brāhmanical village having in it mostly Brāhman landlords with such families of farmers, etc., as were necessary for the well-being of the village and the cultivation of the lands in it, it had the  $sabh\bar{a}$  for its management. The very formation of the different kinds of villages and the different appellations by which the functioning bodies, viz., ūr, nagara and sabhō, were chosen to be so termed sufficiently indicate that there was no admixture of all classes of men in any one of them. Some of the functions discharged by the various assemblies might be similar and even identical; but it cannot account for a medley of members in any one of them. To judge from the transactions that have come down to us it seems that each one of the functioning bodies known by the different names which they bore, was a pure and unadulterated assembly functioning for a particular group or constituency. It will be unreasonable to think that in the council of the  $\bar{u}r$  or the  $sabh\bar{a}$ , the landlords were represented by the potter, barber, washerman and the ryots who cultivated their lands and did some kind of work or other receiving the vritti assigned therefor. Though in the generality of cases, a village is described as being situated in a sub-division of a district there were some which were directly under a district. These villages appear to have been considerably big towns having in them several large quarters and hamlets subject to the control of various constitutional bodies; they may be likened to Presidency towns like Madras. Bombay, etc. Even here, the different bodies functioned for different classes.

Though the inscription under publication does not throw light on the political history of the time to which it relates, the information which this and the allied records cited above furnish. viz., that the class of villages going by the name-ending Chaturvēdimangalam consisted exclusively of Brāhman land-owners and had an administrative body known by the special term sabhā, has been shown above to be of great value. The further information contained in the inscription that the donees who numbered one thousand and eighty were reputed for knowing with meaning the Vēdas and Šāstras and were capable of expounding them, and this especially in the century that preceded the advent of Sāyaṇa, is sure to be welcomed by scholars. We need hardly say that by Šāstras are meant the subjects forming the Vēdāngas. Had the inscriptions cited above not stopped with mentioning the fact that the Chaturvēdimangalams referred to therein were divided into shares and given to the number of Brāhmans specified, viz., 1080, 108 and 60 who had studied the Vēdas and Šāstras and were vyākhyātās of them, but had furnished also their names, we would be in a position to know their attainments. The Taṇḍantōt-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The author of the Amarakośa (3, 3, 179) defines Śāstras as Nidēśa and granthas, and the commentary of Mahēsvara adds that by granthas are meant Vyākaraņādayab (Nirnayasāgar Edition, 1907, p. 327).

tam plates. though incomplete, besides saving that the chief Davāmukha after duly informing the Pallava king Nandivarman Pallavamalla2 got the village which acquired the name Davāmukhamangalam granted to no less than 308 Brāhmana scholars of Vēdus and Suritis, give us the names of the donees. The list of persons,3 though only partially preserved, gives the names of 108 Chaturvēdins, 28 Trivēdins, 24 Shadangarids and about ten Kramarids, all of whom must have known the meaning of the hymns. It will be strange if a Shadaingard did not know the import of the mantras for the very object of the Niruktabhāshya, one of the Shadainas, was to fit a student to easily grasp the sense of the hymns.4 As the first part of the name of each one of the villages of this class is a sure indicator of the name of the king or chief that founded the village and thus points also to the time when it came into being, and as the second part testifies to the attainment in the Vedic lore of the donees of the village, we are enabled to say from the names of Chaturyedimangalams preserved in inscriptions that in different parts of South India there were large numbers of Vedic scholars from the 7th century down to the 13th. The names Simhavishnu-chaturvēdimangalam, Mahēndravarma-chaturvēdimangalam, Narašinga-chaturvēdimangalam,7 Paraméśvara-chaturvédimangalam,8 Śivachūļāmani-mangalam,9 Vijavānkurachaturvēdimangalam. 10 Avaninārāvana-chaturvēdimangalam. 11 Ēkadhīra-chaturvēdimangalam. 12 Vayiramēga-chaturvēdimangalam, 13 Mārapidugudēvi-chaturvēdimangalam, 14 Vidyāvinīta-chaturvē-Pallavanmahādēvi-chaturvēdimangalam,16 Aparājita-chaturvēdimangalam<sup>17</sup> and others establish the patronage extended by the Pallava kings to men of Vedic learning from the 7th to the 9th century A.D. That the same spirit animated the Cholas who were the political successors of the Pallavas, accounts for the foundation and grant of villages and cities going by the names Višaiyālaya-chaturvēdimangalam, 18 Kōdandarāma-chaturvēdimangalam, 19 Parāntaka-chaturvēdimangalam,20 Jananātha-chaturvēdimangalam. 11 Gandarāditva-chaturvēdiman-Ariñigai-chaturvēdimangalam,23 Šolamārttānda-chaturvēdimangalam,24 Rājāśravachaturvēdimangalam<sup>25</sup> and those that were called after the Chālukya-Chōlas that followed Adhirājēndra, and for the continuance of the study of the Vēdas and Vēdāisgas from the eighth century to the thirteenth, patronised as it was by the kings and chiefs who had high regard for it.

10 Ibid., p. [23].

11 Ibid., p. 325.

14 Ibid., p. 337.

15 Ibid., p. [28].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> S. I. I., Vol. II, pp. 517 f.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> These plates were at first relegated to Nandivarman III (S. I. I., Vol. II, pp. 517 f.), but while editing the Pattattālamangalam grant, I pointed out that they must correctly be assigned to Nandivarman Pallavamalla (above, Vol. XVIII, p. 117).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> S. I. I., Vol. II, pp. 531-535.

<sup>•</sup> The selection of riks for comment is supposed to have been made with such care that with a perfect understanding of their significance and with a thorough grasp of the lucid etymological explanation of the words occurring in them as furnished by the author of the Nirukta, it was believed that the student of the Vēdas would be able to know the meaning of other mantras without difficulty. The hymns and words treated in the Nirukta and the comment offered on them were considered sufficient to form a ready reference for other mantras. Etëshu parijāātēshu šakyatē mantrārthah parijāātum tē ēva jāāpakā bhavanti. (Durga's commentary on the Nirukta: Introduction).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> No. 265 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1907.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> No. 9 of the same collection for 1930-31.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> S. I. I., Vol. II, pp. 402, 404, 405.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Ibid., p. 229.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Ibid., p. [28]. 12 Ibid., p. 529n.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> *Ibid.*, p. [27].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> S. I. I., Vol. VIII, No. 3. 16 Ibid., pp. [22], 321.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> S. I. I., Vol. II, p. 327.

<sup>19</sup> Ibid., p. 321. <sup>20</sup> Ibid., p. 76.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Ibid., p. 74.

<sup>22</sup> lbid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Ibid., p. 103.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Ibid., p. [23]n. and No. 20 of 1928-29.

<sup>25</sup> S. I. I., Vol. II, p. 228.

In some cases, the term Chaturvēdimangalam seems to have been contracted into Mangalam and such are those that had for their functioning body the sabhā. As instances may be cited Varaguṇamangalam. Triyambakamangalam, Kaṭṭāraimangalam, Paraisumangalam, Māramangalam, Avanipasēkaramangalam and Kaḍungōmangalam mentioned in a Pāṇḍya grant of the time of Varaguṇa II.¹ All these places were in the Tinnevelly District and their foundation by Pāṇḍya kings takes us from the sixth to the ninth century A.D., when Kaḍungō, Māravarman, Varaguṇa and Śrīmāra flourished. The Pāṇḍya king Parāntaka Neḍunjaḍaiyan (A.D. 770) is said in the Vēļvikuḍi plates to have founded Śrīvaramangalam.² so termed after one of his surnames. Mangalam was further contracted into Mangai as in Varagauṇamangai and Śrīvaramangai.

If we carefully study the constitution of Dayāmukhamangalam as detailed in the Taṇḍantōṭṭam plates of Nandivarman Pallavamalla³ of the 8th century A.D. and compare it with what is said about the constitution of the villages as described in the mediæval Pāṇḍya inscriptions cited above, we can clearly see that the principles followed were the same both in the 7th and 13th centuries A.D.

- i. The newly constituted village was, in each case, divided into a number of shares, the number being some more than the number of donees intended to be provided for. In the Tiruppūvaṇam plates, the principal donees numbered 1,080 and the shares made were 1,200. In the grant of Ravivarma-chaturvēdimaṅgalam, the principal donees numbered 48 while the actual number of shares made were 65. In the case of Vikramapāṇḍya-chaturvēdimaṅgalam, the principal donees numbered 108 and the actual number of shares made were 147. In the earlier Taṇḍantōṭṭam plates it was intended to provide chiefly for 308 persons but extra shares are actually mentioned.
- ii. The donees in all the grants of Chaturvēdimangalams (or simply Mangalams in the earlier grants) were Brāhmans well versed in the Vēdas and Śāstras. While some of the mediæval Pāṇḍya records speak of the donees as Vēdamum Śāstramum pōy vyākhyātākkaļāy irukhum, others add the word poruṭpaḍa before pōy. In place of this description, we have in the earlier Taṇḍantōṭṭam plates: Vēda-traya-smriti-jushām ridushām dvijānām. In the list of donees, we notice there were more persons styled Chaturvēdī than Trivēdī or Shaḍangavid.
- iii. All the records state that the villages had temples in them, or contemplate the construction of temples in them, meant for the use of the donees and make provision for them.
- iv. In the Tiruppūvaņam plates, the extra shares, numbering 120, are stated to be for dēvadāna-paņišey-virutti-paṇgu. Here dēvadāna may either be taken independently or as qualifying the next paṇišey. The phrase may be construed in two ways. viz., (i) 'shares meant for the dēvadāna and shares for the maintenance of those who had to render service or (ii) shares for the maintenance of those that had to render service pertaining to the dēvadāna. The former meaning is obtained by taking dēvadāna and paṇisey-virutti as separately qualifying paṇigu, and the latter is obtained by considering dēvadāna as qualifying paṇisey-virutti which qualifies paṇgu. As it is seen from the other records cited above that the extra shares were meant both for the temple and for the various kinds of servants, we think it better to adopt the former view. The grant of Ravivarma-chaturvēdimaṇgalam provides 12 shares for 12 Bhaṭṭas who had to recite the Vēdas in the temple of Udaiyār Tirunelvēli-udaiyār and two shares each for the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Above, Vol. XXI, p. 114.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> K. V. Subrahmanya Aiyer's Historical Sketches of Ancient Dekhan. p. 132.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> S. I. I.. Vol. II, pp. 517 ff.

<sup>4</sup> S. I. I., Vol. 11, p. 520, V. 9.

temples of Śrī-Rāma-Viṇṇagar-Āļvār and Pāṇḍimādēvīśvaramuḍaiyār and one share for Toṇḍai-mān-Viṇṇagar-Āļvār. The earlier Dayāmukhamaṅgalam grant provides five shares for Tiruvaḍi-gaļ, i.e., Vishṇu, and two shares for Mahādēva.

v. The grant of Vikramapāṇḍya-chaturvēdimaṇgalam provides three vrites for the teachers of the Vēdas, one for the teachers of the Sūtras, one and three-fourths for two doctors, half for ambadiyas, half for village accountants, one-fourth each for drummer, potter, blacksmith, goldsmith and washerman, half for carpenter, three-eighths each for īrankolli and barber, three-fourths for village watchman and one-eighth for cettiyān. The earlier Taṇḍantōṭṭam plates provide one share each for the reader of the Mahābhārata and the drummer, one share for each of the three madhyasthas, two shares for a doctor, three shares for the maintenance of the head-sluice and the village reservoir, besides some shares allotted to a number of persons who appear to be servants and performers of worship in temples.

vi. Other *vrittis* such as those for doctors, watchmen (or police), library, etc., provided for in the constitution are of wider interest meeting as they do the requirements of health, education, police, etc.

To an earlier date belong the Kūram plates of the Pallava king Paramēśvaravarman I. The village of Kūram in the Chingalpet District bore the surname Vidyāvinīta-chaturvēdimangalam¹ evidently so named after the donor Vidyāvınīta, a Pallava chief and subordinate of Paramēśvaravarman I. The same chief built the Siva temple of Vidyāvinīta-Pallava-Paramēśvara in the centre of the village of Kūram and requested the king to make a grant to it. In compliance with this request, Paramēśvara I made the gift of the village of Paramēśvaramangalam divided into 25 shares of which 20 shares were given to 20 Brāhmaņas versed in the four Vēdas, 3 shares to two persons who had to perform the divine rights and look after the temple repairs. one share was set apart for supplying fire and water to a mandapa and one share for the reading of the Bhārata in that mandapa.2 Though the grant relating to the constitution and girt of the village of Vidyāvinīta-chaturvēdimangalam has not come down to us, yet a reference found in the Paramēśvaramangalam grant. which was issued in the reign of the same king, i.e., Paramēśvaravarman I, indicates that it was bestowed on 108 families of Brahmanas that were studying the four Vēdas.3 The Udayēndiram plates of Nandivarman register the grant of the village of Udayachandramangalam to 108 Brāhmaṇas: In it provision is made for a physician and for one that had to perform worship (in temple).4

The foundation of the numerous Chaturvēdimangalams and the grant of them as brahma-dēyas, or agrahāras by successive generations of kings of various dynasties that held sway in South India, as evidenced by the names of villages noticed above, though the grants relating to them have not yet come to light, are sure indications of the progress of the Vedic culture and testify to the increase in the numerical strength of the Vedic exegetes from the end of the sixth century to the end of the thirteenth,—the three Pāṇḍya grants of the reign of Jaṭāvarman Kulaśēkhara I (A.D. 1190-1215), Māṇavarman Sundara-Pāṇḍya II (A.D. 1235-1251) and Jaṭāvarman Sundara-Pāṇḍya I (A.D. 1251-1271) taking us almost to the time of the advent of Sāyaṇāchārya, the prodigious commentator on all the Vēdas, and reflect on the mass of material that must have been available in his day and the number of scholars that must have existed then.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> S. I. I., Vol. VII, Nos. 32 and 33-A.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> S. I. I., Vol. I, p. 147 and text-lines 51-2. Provision for fire and water corresponds to 'hot and cold weather charges'.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., p. 150, text-line 49 f.

<sup>4</sup> S. I. I., Vol. II, pp. 372-3.

Besides the grant of brahmadēya villages of the description given above, the kings and chiefs also provided richly for colleges wherein the Vēdas were taught. Rural administrative assembles and even private individuals were not wanting in making contributions, according to their might, to the cause of Vedic learning. The charities of the Vaisya Dāmayan Mādhavan recorded in the Tirumukkūdal inscription of Vīrarājēndra included provision for the teaching of the Vēdas. One of the early epigraphs of Uttaramallūr. which is partially built in, makes provision for a Bhaṭṭa-vṛitti by a lady named Śaṇṇaichchāṇi also called Uttaramallūr-Naṅgai, stipulating that the holder of the vṛitti must be one that has no share in the village but is well versed in at least one of the Vēdas, in the Vyākaraṇa and the two darśanas of the Mīmāmsā as well as the Nṛitta (Nirukta)-bhāshya and is capable of expounding the Vyākaraṇa, Nyāya-bhāshya with vārttikas, and Vaišēshika with Tīkā, and that he must remain in the maṭha erected by that lady on the bank of a tank which she had caused to be dug. The inscription also speaks of an examination to be held at the end of a course of three years. There is thus room for thinking that all through the Hindu period of Indian history, the study of the Vēdas and Vēdāṅgas and their exposition must have been pursued zealously.

We have now to consider how many of the mediæval Pāṇḍya kings bore the name Jaṭāvarman Kulaśēkhara and settle also which one among them is the king represented in the larger Tiruppūvaņam plates. During the past several years, a large number of inscriptions belonging to this period have been collected and noticed in the Annual Reports on South-Indian Epigraphy. None of them gives any genealogy: most of them give only the regnal years and not the corresponding years of any known era. It is mainly due to the efforts of the late Professor Kielhorn, Swamikkannu Pillai and Sewell in verifying the astronomical details found in some of them that epigraphists have been able to register the important facts and events revealed in inscriptions about these kings in some chronological order.4 The fact that several members of the family had been ruling at one and the same time and over the same tract, besides swelling the number of kings that could possibly cover a given period of years, has made it difficult to attribute particular achievements to particular kings. If we leave out the mere texts of some of the inscriptions of these mediæval Pandya kings published in the volumes of the South-Indian Inscriptions (Texts), the records of almost all of them remain still to be critically edited. The notices made in the Annual Reports on the Madras collections are our only guide. But these reports, however valuable they are, cannot be substitutes for full texts of inscriptions, as they could not furnish all the information the inscriptions contain.5 At present, two kings of the name Jatavarman Kulaśēkhara are taken cognisance of and they are assigned the accession dates A.D. 1190 and A.D. 1237. To the first king of that name all records commencing with the introductions Pūviņkilatti, Pūtalamadandar and Pūtalavanitai are being assigned. The second rests purely on the results of the astronomical calculations. The reasons for the assignment of the three different introductions to Jațāvarman Kulaśēkhara I are not known. We need not concern ourselves with ascertaining as to when this idea started and why all the three introductions were

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See above, Vol. XXI, pp. 222-3. The Bāhūr plates (S. I. I., Vol. II, pp. 513ff.) provide for a Vidyāsthāna. See also An. Rep. on Epigraphy, Madras, for 1918, part II, pp. 145 ff.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Nos. 312 and 316 of S. I. I., Vol. VI.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Ibid., No. 322.

It was the late Mr. Swamikannu Pillai that took up all the dates and made a serious attempt at fixing the initial years of reign of several kings, of course having before him the results of the labours of Kielhorn.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> For instance it is beyond the scope of the reports to give the names with other details of the numerous officials and chiefs figuring in the inscriptions and it is needless to say how such information would be of immense help in the critical publication of any single inscription of a particular king. The geographical items occurring in inscriptions are also too numerous to mention in such a publication.

attributed to the same sovereign. It is proposed first to examine the correctness or otherwise of such an assignment. For this purpose, it is highly necessary to have separate lists of inscriptions of the three different introductions, and we present underneath such lists. They are not exhaustive but are sufficient to serve our need. If the result of our examination prove that the introductions belong to more kings than one, a fresh endeavour will have to be made to separate the facts known about each king from the Annual Reports on South Indian Epigraphy which have been putting them under the single head of Jaṭāvarman Kulaśēkhara I.

${f A.}~P$ ūtalama ${f dan}$ lai.		B. Pūtalavaņitai—contd.	
No.	Date.	No.	Date.
296/S. I. I., V	2+1st year.	507.12	
437/29-30	3+1+1st year.	507/16 No. 506 is connected	3rd year and 2,766 days. 3+7th year
<b>464</b> /16	4th year and 50 days.	with this. 672/16	3+7th year.
707/16	4+1st year.	673/16	3rd year and $2,593$ days. 3rd year $+2,594$ days.
614/26	4+1st year.	674/16	3+7th year.
449/16	4+1+1st year.	349-350/16	
<b>45</b> 0/16	4+1+1st year.	C Danishilani	
534/16	4+4th year.	C. Pūviņkiļatti.	
	4th year+1,745 days.	No.	Date.
297/27-28	9th year.	607/26	0-1
293/S. I. I., ∇	9th year and 44 days.	290/23	2nd year.
<b>43</b> 8/29-30	9+1st year.		3rd year.
		540/16 31-32/24	3rd year and 291 days.
<b>1</b> 59/09	14th year.		3+1st year.
860/16	14th year and 345 days.	33-34/34	3+2nd year.
327/08	15th year.	27-28/24	3+3rd year.
333/16		435/29-30	3+3rd year.
<del></del>	D. David	368/29-30	3+3rd year.
·	B. Pūtalavaņitai.	302/S. I. I., ∇.	3rd year+1,002nd day.
No.	Date.	207.112	3+4th year.
		337/16	3+4th year.
720/16	2nd year.	29/28-29	3+4th year.
01/8. I. I., V	2nd year and 35 days.	484/16	9th year.
28/S. I. I., V	3rd year + 504 days.	436/29-30	9th year.
64-666/16	$\begin{cases} 3\text{rd year and 2,638 days.} \\ 3+7\text{th year.} \end{cases}$	543/22	9th year and 216 days.
70/16	3+7th year (2,690 days)	302/29-30	9th year+925 days.

C. Pūviņkiļatti—contd.		C. $P \hat{u} v i \underline{u} k i \underline{l} att i$ —concld.		
No.	Date.	No.	Date.	
303/29-30	9+1+1st year.	685/16	13th year+2,230 days.	
519/11	9+1+1st year.	687/16	13th year + 2,313 days.	
313/23	9+3rd year.	78/28-29	13th+6th year (13th+2,140	
654/16	*+3rd year.	07/07	days.)	
655/16	*+3rd year.	35/27	13th+7th year.	
80/28-29	13th year.	613/26	13th+8th year.	
546, 549, 550/16	13th year and 148 days. 13+1st	502/16	13th+8th year (13th+3,090 days).	
412/S. I. I., V.	year. 13+1st year.	37/24	13th+9th year.	
, ,	,	40/24	13th+9th year.	
31/27	13+1st year.	375/29-30	13+10th year.	
269/29-30	13+1st year.	319/23	13+10th year.	
295/29-30	13th year $+500$ days.	123/08	13+11th year	
275/29-30	13th year+902 days.	616/26		
431/29-30	13+3rd year.	,	13+12th year.	
20/27	13+3rd year.	99/07	13+12th year.	
581/15	13+4th year.	415/8. <i>I. I.</i> , V.	13+13th year.	
378/29-30	13+5th year.	322/23	13+13th year.	
•		54/27	13+13th year.	
684/16 This is connected with No. 685/16	}	298/27-28	13+14th year.	
545/22	13+5th year.	59/28-29	13+14th year.	
677/16 These are connected with	13+5th year.	60/28-29	13+15th year.	
679/16 No. 678/16.	13+5th year.	279/29-30	13+47** days.	
<b>509-51</b> 0/16	13th year+1,445 days.	466/16	* 1st year.	
678/16	13th year+2,230 days.	i '	iso year.	
680/16 and 682/16	13th year+5th (13th+2,230	94/07, 555/16, 25/24, 29/28-29 and 268/		
683/16	days). 13th year+2,312 days.	27-28.		

By a glance at list A, it will be observed that six of the inscriptions, which are dated after the 4th year and perhaps also another, single out the 4th year of reign and count fresh regnal years or days from that date. And in going through list B, it will be seen that the year 3 is singled out in almost all the inscriptions. Similarly a glance at the dates of the inscriptions in list C will show that the years 3, 9 and 13 are marked years. In the last list, all the inscriptions after the 3rd year up to the 9th year are marked as 3 plus, those after the 9th up to the 13th year are marked 9 plus, and the rest dated later than the 13th are marked as 13 plus. The special treatment, which these years get in the respective introductions, seems strongly to point out that the kings represented in them might be different. Secondly, there is not much in common in the three introductions. In fact, nothing of importance is recorded in any of them. It is further worthy of note that the latest regnal years in the three introductions are different. The first, i.e., Pūtala-

madandai extends to 15 years, the second, i.e., Pūtalavanitai to 11 years, and the third, i.e., Pūtalavanitai to 28 years. Again, these lists show that there is no room for considering that a single king employed one of the introductions up to a certain year of his reign, then adopted the second and lastly the third. Neither could it be said that in a particular locality preference was given to one or the other of the introductions, for we find that in the same place more than one of the introductions are used. All the reasons recorded above indicate clearly that the kings who used them must be different. Can palaeography be adduced as a ground for ascribing the three introductions to one sovereign? That ground is of little value in a case where there were more kings than one ruling at the same time and over the same tract: and after all it can at best show only a period of time and no fixed years. As far as I am able to judge, there is a gradual development in characters from the inscriptions with Pūtalamadandai introduction through Pūrankilatti to Pūtalavanitai. The difference between the first and the last only is somewhat marked, but may be due to the skill of the scribes or other causes.

We shall now see whether the evidence of the astronomical details furnished in the above collection and their verification support or controvert the finding we have arrived at above or remain neutral. In the collection of 16 epigraphs with Pūtalamaļandai introduction there is but a single one that supplies us with details of date fit for calculation, while there are at least three in the Pūtalavanitai group and 6 in the Pūvinkiļatti epigraphs. All of them except one of the Pūtalavanitai group have been examined and their equivalents determined as noted under:—

No. 297/27-28 Pūtalamaļandai. 9th year, Mīna....... dvitīyā. Saturday, Röhiņī. This date was calculated for Jaṭāvarman I of Pūriņkiļatti introduction with A.D. 1190 as the date of accession and equated to A.D. 1199, February, 27, Saturday, with the remark that Röhiņī was not current on the day. The date is irregular.

No. 370/16 Pūtalavaņitai. 3+7th year, Mārgaļi 20 tēdi. Sunday, saptamī. Uttara-Bhādrapadā. 7th Year is given in the inscription as 2,690 days. This date correctly works out to Sunday, 16th December, A.D. 1246 and it was 20 Mārgaļi. The note of the late Mr. Swamikannu Pillai against this is "The Epigraphist says that the introduction is that of Jaṭāvarman Kulašēkhara I, but the day of solar month which is a characteristic indication points only to the later reign, that of Jaṭāvarman Kulašēkhara II of A. D. 1237".

No. 720/16 Pūtalavaņitai. 2nd year, Mīna 22. śu. 10. Wednesday, Pushya. "On Wednesday, 16th March A.D. 1239 (=22 Mēsha). śu. daśamī ended at .53 and Pushya at .19 of day. This was the 2nd year of the same Jaṭāvarman Kulaśēkhara as the above."

No. 301 of S. I. I., Vol. V (Pūtalavaņitai)—2nd year. Tulā, ba. 6, Thursday, Mrigašīrshā. Not calculated. See below, p. 82 for equivalent.

No. 80/28-29. Pūviņkilatti. 13th year, Āṇi 19, śu. trayōdaśī. Tuesday, Mūlam. "Probably A.D. 1250, June 14, Tuesday; f.d.n. 39. The tithi was, however, chaturdaśī which was current till .85 of the day."

No. 337/16. Do. 3+4th year, Karkaṭaka, 13 tēdi, śu. 12, Monday, Jyēshṭhā=A.D. 1196 (which was the 7th year of the reign of Jaṭāvarman Kulašēkhara who ascended the throne in A.D. 1190), Monday, 8th July (=13 Karkaṭaka) on which day śu 12 ended at .89 and Nakshatra Jyēshthā at .44 of day.

No. 545/22. Do. 13+5th year, Kanni 9, śu. 14, Thursday, Śatabhishaj =A.D. 1207, September 6, Thursday; .97; .44.

No. 313/23. Pūviņkiļatti. 9+3rd year, Vrišchika 27, Friday, dvādašī, Šōdi =Friday, 23rd November. A.D. 1201. As pointed out by Swamikannu Pillai (An. Rep. on S. I. Epigraphy for 1924, p. 88), the solar month-date is Vrišchika 27 according to the Sūrya-Siddhānta. The framer of the inscription must have obtained it from a Paūchānga calculated according to that system. There are instances of this kind.

No. 322/23. Pāviņkalatti. 13+13th year, Karkaṭaka 25, ba. 10, Tuesday, Kārttigai=A.D. 1215, July 21, Tuesday. The tithi ba. 10 commenced at 97 of the day and the Nakshatra Kārttigai ended at 86 of day.

The Large Tiruppūvaņam plates. Pūviņkilatti. 13+12th year, Dhanus 4, ba. 11, Saturdav, Svāti. Saturdav, 29th November, A.D. 1214. (Kielhorn's Southern List, No. 890.)

In the above, it will be noted (i) that the particulars of date furnished in the Pūtalamadandai collection do not work out correctly for Jatāvarman Kulašēkhara I whose reign commenced in A.D. 1190. (ii) that the two dated inscriptions of Pūtalaranitai group examined so far work out correctly for Jatavarman Kulaśekhara II who began his reign in A.D. 1237, and are incorrect for Kulašēkhara I whose accession fell in A.D. 1190, and (iii) that all the dated inscriptions in the Pūvinkilatti group have correct equivalents for the king with the initial year 1190. Apparently under the belief that the three different introductions belonged to one king, i.e., Jatāvarman Kulaśekhara I, the Epigraphist informed the calculator that the introduction of No. 370 (Pūtalavanitai) is that of Jatavarman Kulasekhara I. Having considered this information also, the late Swamikannu Pillar noted that the day of the solar month—which is a characteristic indication points only to the later reign, i.e., Jatāvarman Kulaśēkhara II of A.D. 1237. Thus, the evidence of the a-tronomical details leaves no doubt as to the introduction Pūtalavanitai being one of Jatāvarman Kulasekhara II, and is positively against the earlier king whose accession fell in A.D. 1190 and who had the introduction Pūrinkilatti. The late Swamikannu Pillai's calculations and our finding that the records of Jatavarman Kulaśekhara with the introduction Pūtalavanitai belong to a later reign is still further supported by two other inscriptions as we shall presently show. In the latter part of a Pūtalaraņitai record of Tenkarai whose text is given in the South-Indian Inscriptions, Volume V, No. 301, are given the details 2nd year, Tula, ba. 6, Thursday, Mrigasirshā. For Jatāvarman Kulašēkhara I, whose accession took place between 8th April and 29th November, A.D. 1190, we cannot find a suitable date answering to these details in A.D. 1191 or 1192 which were respectively the current and expired 2nd year of his reign. But for Jatāvarman Kulaśēkhara II, whose reign commenced between 24th July and 16th December. A.D. 1237, and whose 2nd year fell in A.D. 1238, the details work out correctly. In A.D. 1238, Tulā, ba, 6 ended at .90 and Nakshatra Mrigašīrshā at .35 of day on Thursday, September 30, Like the two records calculated by Swamikannu Pillai, this one also proves that the introduction Pātalavanitai belongs to Jatāvarman Kulaśēkhara II and not to the first of that name. The other inscription which supports our finding is part of a triple record with Pūtalavanitai introduction and is dated in the 3-7th year of reign and mentions Vikrama-Chōla.1 Vikrama-Chola figuring herein could be no other than the Kongu Chola prince, who, a few years later. ascended the throne in A.D. 1255. That princes of other dynasties who were related to the Pandvas were staying with and serving the Pandya kings before the time of their own accession is amply borne out by some of the inscriptions noticed in this paper.

It remains now to determine to which other Jaṭāvarman Kulaśēkhara the introduction Pūtalamaḍamlai belonged. An inscription from Tirupputtūr in the Ramnad District of Tribhuvanachakravartin Kulaśēkharadēva without the title Māravarman or Jaṭāvarman, is dated in the year opposite the fourth and furnishes astronomical details—Karkaṭaka 27, Rōhiṇī, Saturday. This date was calculated by the late Swamikannu Pillai and found to agree correctly with A.D. 1166, 23rd July. Saturday. From the method of dating of the record alone, it may be said that it is one belonging to the reign of Jaṭāvarman Kulaśēkhara with Pūtalamaḍandai introduction for, as had been observed by me already, the inscriptions of his reign had that characteristic

<sup>1</sup> Nos. 672 to 674 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1916.

<sup>2</sup> Indian Ephemerie, Part II of Vol. I, pp. 87-88.

feature, viz., of counting fresh regnal years after the 4th. Thus, it is now clear that the three different introductions belong to three different kings who bore in common the title Jațāvarman and the name Kulaśekhara. The earliest of these kings was the one that had the Pūtalamadandai introduction, the middle one adopted the  $P\bar{u}vipk\cdot latti$  introduction, while the last used the  $P\bar{u}$ talaranitae introduction. The first counted his regnal years from A.D. 1162 and had a reign of at least 15 years as at present known extending up to A.D. 1176-77, a special event in his carreer marking out the end of the fourth year of his reign (=A.D. 1166-7). This year the students of Pândya history know to be the year of commencement of the civil war in the Pandya country. There is thus no doubt that this must have been the Kula'ēkhara who killed Parākrama-Pāṇḍya and waged a prolonged war against his son Vīra-Pāṇḍya and the allied forces of the Sinhalese generals sent by Parākrama-Bāhu of Cevlon. The importance of the year is brought out by the fact that the members of the assembly (Mūlaparishad) of Tirupputtūr in the Ramnad District wished to pay their respects to His Majestv the Pandva sovereign and utilised the amount realised in making tax-free, a land given to the temple in order to meet the expenses of their journey to Madura, the capital of the empire. It is not unlikely that other villages also sent in their representatives to the capital for the same purpose. Perhaps it was then that Kulaśekhara launched on the momentous programme of war against Parākrama, laid siege to the city of Madura with a view to capture it, and forced Parakrama to sue for help to the king of Cevlon. We learn from the Mahāvamsa that the first event in this war was the siege of Madura by Kulaśekhara-Pāṇḍva. There is an echo of the fact in a lithic record of the South Kongu king Rājakēsarivarman Kulöttunga (A.D. 1149-83) who, it may be said, was interested in the welfare and success of Kulaśckhara, that young king being his sister's son. This lithic record which comes from Neruvūr<sup>2</sup> states that the Kongu king, set out on an expedition against Madura with the express object of capturing it for his nephew (marumagan) Kulaśēkhara-Pāndya, and that on the said occasion directed the sabhā of the place to make a brahmadeya gift of some lands in Manimangalam, which had been his camping ground, as a yātrādāna to his purōhita Āļvār Šrībalidēva. The year of this important record is specially worthy of note. It is dated in the 17th year of the reign of Rajakesariyarman Kulöttungadeva corresponding to A.D. 1166-7, the very year of commencement of the Pandyan civil war and one that was marked 4+1st year of the reign of Kulaśekhara. Thus, the evidence of all sources, viz., those furnished by the Mahāvamsa, the Neruvūr and Tirupputtūr inscriptions and the computation of astronomical details with the solar day, which the calculator regards as a characteristic indication, occurring in an epigraph dated in the 4+1st year, which kind of dating, we note, is a characteristic feature of the inscriptions with Pūtalamadandai introduction, bear out the particular importance of that year and single out the Kulasekhara of the Pāṇḍyan civil war. If more evidence is needed to further corroborate the identity of Jatavarman Kulaśekhara of Pūtalamadandai introduction with Kulašēkhara of the civil war, it is supplied by a Tenkarai inscription with that identical introduction, dated in the 3rd year of reign, telling us that the chief Solan Silamban alias Vīrachola-Lankēśvaradēva, a sāmanta of prince (Perumāl) Vīracholadēva of Ten-Kongu was already in the vicinity of Madura.3 Kongu-Chōla inscriptions leave no doubt as to Vīrachola being a prince of that dynasty that eventually succeeded Rājakēsarivarman Kulôttunga noticed above. And the year of the inscription, which is A.D. 1164, shows that the chief was there immediately prior to the commencement of the war and the purpose is evident: and the Neruvūr inscription explains it by telling us as to what followed. It speaks of the premeditated action of Kulaśēkhara.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> No. 101 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1908.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> No. 336 of the same collection for 1927-28.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> S. I. I., Vol. V, No. 296.

Before proceeding further, it may be advantageous to consider here the relationship of some of the mediaeval Pandva kings found in inscriptions. Tamil epigraphs, when they intend to convey definite relationship, use appropriate and unambiguous terms to denote them. We meet with terms like tiruttagappanāri or ayyari for father, annālri or annari for elder brother, akkans for elder sister, dēviyāre for queen, maganār or pillaiyār for son, magalār or pen-pillai for daughter, maramaganārio for nephew or sister's son, maittananārio for brother-in-law, ammānio for uncle, appāṭṭar¹³ for great grandfather, etc. To denote simply a predecessor, be he distant or near, or any elder or senior member, deceased or living, the terms periyavar, periyadevar or periyanayanar are employed. In dealing with the Tinnevelly inscription of Maravarman Sundara-Pandya II, I pointed out, by two telling instances, that periyaderar or periyanayanar cannot definitely indicate a father.14 One of the inscriptions found at Puravari near Nagarcoil, dated in the 16th year of the reign of the Pāṇḍya Māravarman Śrīvallabhadēva speaks of a son of the king by name Kulaśēkharadēva15 and another inscription found at Kōṭṭaikkaruṅguļam ın the Tinnevelly District, dated in the 2nd year and 600th day of the same king's reign, states that the Vîrêśvaramuḍaiyār was re-named Kulaśekhara-Iśvaramudaiyār after the name of the king's father, thus letting us know that Māravarman Śrīvallabha's father was also called Kulaśēkhara.16 Here, therefore, there are two Kulaśekharas, one being the grandfather of the other. Both of them may be tentatively assumed to have borne the title Jațavarman from the fact that the middle member Śrīvallabha was styled Maravarman. One other fact that is known is that Maravarman Srivallabha flourished about the middle of the 12th century A.D. being a contemporary of Viraravivarman-Tiruvadi, in all probability a ruler of Vēṇādu, for whom a date Kollam 336 (A.D. 1161) has been discovered.17 There is thus every possibility of Māgavarman Śrīvallabha's son being that Kulaśēkhara in whose reign, in about A.D. 1166-7, the civil war in the Pandya country commenced. As we have already shown that the war must have been started in the reign of Jatāvarman Kulaśēkhara who had the introduction Pūtalamadandai, our assumption that Māravarman Śrīvallabha's son Kulaśekhara might be a Jațavarman becomes strengthened and his ancestry also settled. With this information before us, we cannot but assign the Kalladakurichi inscription,18 dated in the 2nd year of the reign of Jațāvarman Tribhuvanchakravartin Kulaśēkharadēva, which mentions periyanāyanār Śrīvallabhadēva, to Jatāvarman Kulasēkharadēva with Pūtalamadandai introduction, and regard the Śrīvallabha referred to therein as being identical with Māravarman Śrīvallabha of A.D. 1161, the father and predecessor of king Jațâvarman Kulaśēkhara with Pūtalamadandai introduction.

With the materials available to us from inscriptions and other sources we have shown the significance of the end of the 4th year of the reign of Jaṭāvarman Kulaśēkhara that started the civil war and noted that it marks the day of triumph of Kulaśckhara over his adversary Parakrama-Pāṇḍya, who, it is said, had been put to death even before the arrival of the forces from Cevlon.

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<sup>1</sup> No. 271 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1927-28.
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Above, Vol. XXIV, p. 159.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Nos. 425, 426 and 448 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1913, and S. I. I., Vol. IV, No. 529.

<sup>4</sup> Above, Vol. XXIV, p. 159.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Nos. 314 and 315 of 1923.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> S. I. I., Vol. III, p. 296.

<sup>7</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> No. 31 of S. I. I., Vol. VI.

<sup>9</sup> S. I. I., Vol. VIII, No. 234.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> No. 336 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1927-28.

n S. I. J., Vol. V, Nos. 293 and 421,

<sup>12</sup> No. 327 of 1916.

<sup>13</sup> S. I. I., Vol. V, No. 416.

<sup>14</sup> Above, Vol. XXIV, p. 159.

<sup>15</sup> No. 50 of 1896.

<sup>16</sup> No. 271 of 1927-28.

<sup>17</sup> An. Rep. on Epigraphy, Madras, for 1896, p. 5, paragraph 15.

<sup>18</sup> No. 110 of Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1907.

The year under consideration is thus the last year of the reign of Parākrama-Pāṇḍya. While Kulaśekhara is represented by inscriptions, there is every reason to expect the records of his adversary also. And I think there could not be any possible objection to say that the ill-fated Parākrama-Pāṇḍya is the Māravarman Parākrama-Pāṇḍya with the introduction Tiramayaļ punara. In this connection, it may be noted that no other Parakrama-Pandya with a different indroduction assignable to this period has at all come to light. So far as is known at present, his reign extends to 12 years, and if the year A.D. 1166 marks the end of his rule, his accession must be placed in A.D. 1154. The late Rao Bahadur Krishna Sastri expressed the view that Māravarman Parākrama-Pāṇḍva must have been a predecessor of or co-regent with either of the two Śrīvallabhas, and, judging from the position which the introduction of Māravarman Śrīvallabha occupied in a record belonging to the time of Maravarman Parakrama-Pandya found at Kuruvitturai. he said it was evident that the latter was a predecessor of the former. The conclusion we have arrived at above, viz.. that Märavarman Parākrama-Pāṇḍya reigned from A.D. 1154 to 1166 well establishes this inference. The Mahāvanisa tells us that Parākrama had a son named Vīra-Pāṇḍya who was set up on the Pāṇḍya throne by the Sinhalese generals according to the instructions given to them by their king Parakrama-Bahu. Inscriptions of the reign of Kulöttunga III refer to an unnamed son of this Vīra-Pāṇḍya and say that he fought along with his father against the Cholas and shared his defeat more than once. It is a question if the setting up of Vīra-Pāṇḍya on the Pāṇḍya throne by the Sinhalese-generals could-be-taken seriously, and whether it was at all recognised by the people, even if it were a fact. For all that we see Vira-Pandya had not the usual coronation ceremony. Neither are there any inscriptions attributable to his reign. From the moment of his father's death he had been contesting with Kulasekhara for kingdom and crown. And so long as the reign of Kulaščkhara lasted, Vīra-Pāṇḍya's rule may be said not to have commenced. Since we know from the records with the introduction Pătalamadandai that Kulaśēkhara held the reins of government till at least A.D. 1176, it may be said that Vīra-Pāṇdya commenced his rule in this year. To this end, the information furnished in two inscriptions of Rājādhirāja II. both dated in the 12th year and 157th day, i.e., the 13th year also leads us. The records under reference come from Tiruvālangādu in the North Arcot District and Tirumavāṇam in the Pudukkōṭṭai State and are almost exact copies. Though the latter record is fragmentary. Mr. Venkatasubba Aiyar has, by carefully comparing it with the damaged portions of the former inscription, been able to fill in certain lacunae in it. He tells us that the Pāṇḍya king Kulaśēkhara, ignoring the good deeds done to him, proved a traitor, made an alliance with the king of Ilam and conspired with him against the Cholas. And some letters and presents despatched to the officers of Kulaśēkhara, hinting that the Sinhalese king was an ally of their master, were intercepted by the Chōla king who directed the chief Pallavarāvan to reinstate on the Pāṇḍya throne Vīra-Pāṇḍya, the son of Parākrama-Pāṇḍya, the former protégé of Ceylon.3 Vīra-Pāṇḍya's reign which thus commenced in and synchronised with the fall of Kulaśēkhara in A.D. 1176, did not last long, for we know from the Tirukkollambūdūr inscription that by A.D. 1182 he drove Māravarman Viktama-Pāṇḍya to the necessity of suing for help to the Chōla king Kulōttunga and this cost him his own crown and kingdom. We have no direct information as to who this Māravarman Vikrama-Pāṇḍya was, but, as had been assumed, he might be the son of Kulaśēkhara.

We now pass on to notice another clear relationship mentioned in the inscriptions of the mediaeval Pāṇḍya kings. Numerous epigraphs of Jaṭāvarman Śrīvallabha with the introduction

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> No. 328 of the Mad. Ep. Colln. for 1908.

An. Rep. on Epigraphy, Madras, for 1909, p. 84, paragraph 29.

<sup>\*</sup>Above, Vol. XXI, pp. 187-8.

<sup>4</sup> S. I. I., Vol. VI, No. 436.

Tirumadardaiyum are registered in the Annual Reports on South Indian Epigcaphy. Four of these mention Sundara-Pāṇdya as the king's son, and the fifth states that a royal order was issued by Sundara-Pāṇḍya without specifying his relationship to the king.1 They are dated in the 4th, 17th and 19th years, the last being of the 9th year of reign. Knowing the fact that Jațāvarman Šrīvallabha had a son named Sundara-Pāṇḍva, there is a possibility of taking Māravarman Sundara-Pāṇḍya I, in whose 9th year record, a copy of a grant made in the 3rd year of the reign of Jaṭāvarman Śrīvallabha is registered,² to be this prince. If this were the case, Jaṭāvarman Śrīvallabha would have to be assigned to the period A.D. 1193 to 1216, as the highest regnal year furnished for him in inscriptions is 23.3 This is very unlikely to judge from the contents of some of the inscriptions of Jațāvarman Śrīvallabha. That he was not far removed from the time of the Chōļa king Kulōttuṅga I can be inferred from the fact that a chief of Adaļaiyūr-nāḍu• by name Mummuḍiśōļaṇ Vīrasēkharar figures both in a 4th year inscription of his and in a 49th year record of Kulottunga.5 That he must have been quite near in point of time to Maravarman Parakrama-Pāṇḍya is made evident from the fact that a certain chief named Śēramān Tōlan figures in the epigraphs of both these sovereigns. It is said that at the instance of this chief Parākrama-Pāņdya made a gift of the village of Šengulam alias Viraivavitankanallūr to the Mūlasthānam-udaiyar temple at Kattikkallur: and he figures as a signatory in a grant of Jatavarman Śrīvallabha. It is further worthy of note that a grant made by the same chief is mentioned as a past transaction in a record of the 9th year of Jatavarman Kulaśekhara with Pūtalamadardai introduction. Thus, Jațāvarman Śrīvallabha appears to have ruled not long after Kulottunga I, and immediately following Māravarman Parākrama, either as co-regent with or slightly before Kulaśēkhara of the civil war. Further, it is found that the chief Kālingarāyan was one of his principal advisers as well as of Jațāvarman Kulaśēkhara I (Pūviņkiļatti).

From what we have discussed above it will be clear that there were the following lines of  $P\bar{a}ndya$  kings in the mediaeval period:—

- (i) the line of Māravarman Śrīvallabha headed by Kulaśēkhara-Pāṇḍya. To it belonged Jaṭāvarman Kulaśēkhara whose inscriptions have the Pūtalamadandai introduction, the king that was principally concerned in the civil war. His accession took place in A.D. 1162. On his side were the kings of the two Kongus and the Chōlas. Māravarman Vikrama-Pāṇḍya was probably his son and successor. The termination of Kulaśēkhara's rule was brought about by the Chōla Rājādhirāja II in A.D. 1176, on his proving a traitor to the cause of his benefactor; and in the short period from this date and A.D. 1183, the date of accession of Māravarman Vikrama-Pāṇḍya, Vīra-Pāṇḍya, the son of Parākrama-Pāṇḍya, ruled.
- (ii) The line of Parākrama-Pāṇḍya which counted himself, his son Vīra-Pāṇḍya and the latter's son whose name is not revealed in Chōla inscriptions. There are strong grounds for supposing that this unnamed son must be Māravarman Sundara-Pāṇḍya I.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Madras Epigraphical Collection, No. 493 of 1909, Nos. 266 and 277 of 1927-28, No. 371 of 1929-30 and No. 326 of 1908.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> No. 683 of the same collection for 1905. The gift was made to the temple of Tiruvēḍagamuḍaiya-Nāyanār at Tiruvēḍagam in Pāganūr-kūṛram.

<sup>3</sup> No. 555 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1922.

<sup>4</sup> No. 30 of the same collection for 1909.

<sup>5</sup> No. 32 of the same collection.

No. 130 of the same collection for 1910.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> S. I. I., Vol. V, Nos. 294 and 295.

The attitude of this king, even at the very first year of his accession to throne, not only towards the Chōlas but also towards the kings of the two Kongu countries, who had all along been the allies of Kulaśēkhara and Vikrama and formed formidable obstacles in the way of Vīra-Pāṇḍya and his supporters, presupposes a chapter of enmity between them: and his deeds are a rehearsal in the reverse order of what had passed in the past. He kept both the kings of Kongu in prison and in chains and led them on to his capital to do honour to his triumphant return to the city. The humiliation which he caused to the Chōlas was no less.

(iii) In the line of Jaṭāvarman Śrīvallabha, there was his son Sundara-Pāṇḍya who was old enough to be associated with him in the government of the country. This prince perhaps never succeeded to the throne, and if he did, he must have had a very brief reign in which he did not leave any inscriptions. Who his successor was, it is not possible to determine at present. But it appears certain that there was another Jaṭāvarman Śrīvallabha.

We cannot be sure if Jaţāvarman Kulasēkhara with Pūrinkilati introduction belonged to any one of the three lines noticed above or came of a different line. In dealing with the Tinnevelly inscription of Māravarman Sundara-Pāṇḍya II.¹ I pointed out that it is not absolutely certain that Jaṭāvarman Kulasēkhara I and Māravarman Sundara-Pāṇḍya I had a common father in Māravarman Vikrama-Pāṇḍya.

The simultaneous existence of more than one king reigning over the Pandya country leads us to think that one among them must have held the chief power and that the rest were subordinate to him, though independent in their own spheres. What determined the claim for the prime position in the kingdom, we are yet to learn. All that we could gather from the account of the civil war is that there was some fixed principle followed in the choice of or claim for the position of honour. It has been shown above that when the civil war commenced, i.e., in A.D. 1167, Kulaśēkhara, one of the claimants to the throne at Madura, had completed four years of his reign and Parākrama-Pāṇdya, the other claimant, had reigned for 12 years. The Sinhalese chronicle and the Chola and Kongu inscriptions lead us to think that the throne of the premier ruler at Madura fell vacant in A.D. 1167 and the succession to it was disputed by the rivals. For aught we see. most of the kings of the mainland supported the cause of Kulaśekhara while the other received succour from the neighbouring island. It still remains to be known who it was that ruled in Madura till A.D. 1167. If seniority among the rulers determined the succession to the throne. there could not have been rival claims. Though Parakrama had reigned for 12 years on the date in question, it was Kulaśekhara that was supported by most of the kings in the south. This suggests that the principle was different. Future researches alone can enlighten us on the issue.

Now about the length of the reign of Jaṭāvarman Kulaśēkhara I and about his successor. The highest regnal year² furnished for Jaṭāvarman Kulaśēkhara I in inscriptions is 30 which takes us to A.D. 1219-20. In about A.D. 1218-19, as will be shown presently, he seems to have fallen seriously ill and much concern was felt about his recovery. An inscription discovered at Kaṇṇaṇūr (in the Tirumeyyam Taluk of the Pudukkōṭṭai State) states that, on the representation of Pillaiyār Alagapperumāl, king Māṛavarman Sundara-Pāṇḍya I issued an order in the 3rd year of his reign reducing the royal share of taxes due from two villages in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Above, Vol. XXIV, p. 159.

<sup>\*</sup> No. 246 of the Pudukkottai State collection.

Turumā-nādu in Kāṇa-nādu for the welfare and recovery from illness of Ulagudaiya-Nāvanār.1 The question is who are meant by Alagapperumal and Ulagudaiya-Nayanar. At first sight it might appear that Alagapperumāl must have been the son of Māravarman Sundara-Pāṇḍya I and that by the term Ulagudaiya-Nāvaṇār, Māravarman Sundara-Pāndva himself must be meant. This is wrong. Since Alagapperumal figures in the large Tiruppuvanam plates with the prefix Pillaiyār, there is reason to take him to be the son of Jatavarman Kulaśekhara I. He might have been continued to be called Pillaiyār in later days also. In the plates, his high status is indicated by his having had under him an official bearing the designation 'adigāram.' As Jatāvarman Kulasēkhara I was living at the time of the Kannanūr inscription, we think the term Ulagudaiva-Nāyanār must refer to him and not to Māravarman Sundara-Pandya I. The concern of the prince about the father is natural. Another important fact that the inscription under reference reveals is that Maravarman Sundara-Pandya I, whose accession took place in A.D. 1216 and who appears to have been issuing records in his own name only from the 3rd year of his reign had been nominated already during the time of Kulaśēkhara I and he might be said to have had a share in the government of the country even before his nomination. As we have no inscription dated later than the 29th year for Jatāvarman Kulaśēkhara I which, by the way, is the same as the third year of the reign of Māravarman Sundara-Pāndva I, he must have succumbed to the disease referred to in the Kannanur record. The Sanskrit verse at the beginning of the plates under publication tells us that the king was apprised of the fact of completion of the formation of the village of Rājagambhīrachaturvēdimangalam by Sundarēśa (Sundarēśād-araqata). From the facts just noticed, it seems likely that by Sundarēša is meant here Māravarman Sundara-Pāṇḍya I. Sundara's war against Kulöttunga III must have been conducted under the standard of Jațāvarman Kulaśēkhara I or at least it must have been countenanced by him. In this connection, it may be noted that some of the persons that held offices under Kulaśekhara figure also in the records of Sundara. On the whole the reign of Jațāvarman Kulaśēkhara I appears to have been a prosperous one, undisturbed by any wars except in the closing years. The king seems to have had good regard for Vedic learning and patronised the scholars proficient in it by founding big villages and granting them as brahmadēyas provided with all facilities for good living. Rājagambhīra-chaturvēdimangalam is one of the biggest villages that was ever founded. To some extent the peace in the reign of Jațăvarman Kulaśēkhara I must be attributed to the decline of the Chola power which may be said to have commenced in the last decade of the 12th century A. D. not long after the interference of Kulöttunga III in Pandyan affairs ending in the accession of Vikrama-Pāṇḍya Māgavarman, when the Chōlas lost their hold on Conjeeveram, the second great city of the empire. In the latter part of the reign of Kulottunga III there were several factions in the Chola country and though the heads of these factions recognised in a way the supreme authority of the Chola emperor there is not much doubt that the peace of the country was greatly disturbed by the part played by the parties. The differences among them, which remained unremoved for a long time, contributed largely to the rapid weakening of the empire and gave the enemies of the Chōlas, who had suffered seriously before, an opportunity to wreak their vengeance. The time was favourable for the Pandyas to muster their strength and resources to try final issues with the Chōlas in order to wipe out their disgrace. Just three years before the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> No. 250 of the same collection. In another inscription of Māravarman Sundara-Pāṇḍya I (date lost), Piḷḷaiyār Alagapperumāḷ figures as consecrating a God in the temple of Tiruvengaivāśal in Pudukkōtṭai State and making a gift of land to it. It is added that the prince was in possession of the District at the time (No. 327).

end of the reign of Jaţāvarman Kulaśēkhara I, the Pāṇḍyas under the lead of Māṇavarman Sundara-Pāṇḍya I, won laurels in the field against the Chōlas and the kings of the two Koṅgu countries, and this practically brought the civil war to a culmination.¹ That this war was directed against the Chōla and Koṅgu kings prevents any possibility of taking Jaṭāvarman Kulaśēkhara I and Māṇavarman Sundara-Pāṇḍya I to be the descendants of Kulaśēkhara of the civil war with Pūtalamadardar introduction.

Now we come to the consideration of the geographical names. The inscription under edition mentions a good number of districts and sub-divisions. They are: (1) Milalai-kūrram, (2) Muttürru-kürram. (3) Kēraļašinga-vaļanādu. (4) Madurodava-valanādu and (5) Šolapāndivavalanādu among Districts; and (6) Mādakkulam, (7) Alagivapāndivakkulam, (8) Rājašingankulam, Vadatalai-Śembi-nādu, (10) Polivūr-nādu, (11) Karungudi-nādu, (12) Purapparalainādu, (13) Tīvandaikkuḍi-nādu, (14) Kīṭ-Šembi-nādu. (15) Panaṅgalūr-nādu. (16) Kāňai-Irukkai, (17) Kīraņūr-nādu. (18) Tīruvāvaņam. (19) Mērkudi-nādu and (20) Kaļavaļi-nādu among sub-divisions. The villages under No. 1 are Parantakanallür and Tandalai. No. 2 had Kappalür, No. 3 Veliyārrūr, No. 4 Madurai, No. 5 Širu-Pašalai. No. 6 Madurai, No. 7 Māranūr, Širukulattūr, Vellūrkuruchchi and Vellūr, No 8 Rājēndiram and Tiruppūvaņam, No. 9 Āvkkudi, No. 10 Arungulam and Polivür, No. 11 Kil-Nettür alias Kirtivisälaivanallür. No. 12 Puttür, Kallikkudi and Milaganūr, No. 13 Kīt-Pasaiai alias Dānavinodanallūr, Mēr-Pasalai alias Śrīvallabha-chaturvēdimangalam and Mānavīramangalam, No. 14 Mālangudi, No. 15 Adikarai, No. 16 Iruñchigai and Mittiravēli, No. 17 Vidattal aleas Mānābharaņa-chaturvēdimangalam, Vēļūr, Nakkamangalam, Vāgaikudi, Tiruvāvaņam, Tuttivūr and Kirungākköttai, No. 18 Marudūr and No. 19 Merkudi and Annalvay.

Of the Districts. Milalai-kūrram and Muttūrru-kūrram have a separate history which is worth noting and which, owing to the formation of modern districts, has been badly misconceived. As regards the position of these two ancient territorial divisions, whether they were in the Chōla country or not, we have to know the southern limit of the Chōla country which would determine at once the northern boundary of the Pāṇḍyan kingdom.<sup>2</sup> It is stated in the Tamil Sōlamaṇḍalaśatakam<sup>3</sup> that the boundaries of the Chōla country were the river Vellāru in the north and south, Kōṭṭaikkarai in the west and the sea in the east. A verse attributed to the Tamil poet Kambar calls the northern boundary Ēṇāṭṭu-Vellāru<sup>4</sup> and thus distinguishes it from the

Sellun-kuṇapār-rirai-vēlai tenpār-chelitta Veļļāru Vellun-Kōttaikkarai viļangu mēlpāl vaḍapāl Veļļārē Ellaiy-oru-nāngiṇun=kādam=irupā-nāngum=iḍam peridā Mallal vāļvu taļaitt=ōṅgum vaļañ-chēr Śōṭa-maṇḍalamē |

4 The following is the stanza:--

Kaḍal kılakku=tterku=kkarai-puraļ-Veļļāru Kuḍa-tiśaiyir-Kōttaikkaraiyām vaḍa-tiśaiyil Ēṇāttu Veļļār=irupattu-nār-kādam Śōṇāttukk-ellaiyeṇa-chehol :

¹ A later record of the time of Māgavarman Sundara-Pāṇḍya I dated in the 21st year of his reign (=A.D. 1237) tells us that owing to the imposition of taxes on dēvadāna lands during the time of the Kannaḍiyar there was no money in the treasury of the temple at Kōttaiyūr in Kāna-nāḍu and that the temple authoritics had to sell away some of the temple lands (No. 310 of the Pudukkōtṭai State collection). About the same time, we have an inscription at Tirugōkarnam, dated in the 20th year of Rājarāja III which registers gifts made for the merit of the sons of Sōmaladēviyār the queen of Narasimha and the mother of Sōmēśvara of Dōrasamudram (No. 183 of the Pudukkōtṭai State collection). These two inscriptions testify to the fact that the Hoysalas aided the Chōlas against the Pāṇḍyas.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For the present we leave out of consideration the minor principalities: they will be dealt with separately.

<sup>3</sup> The verse runs as follows: it is given here for easy reference:-

other Vellagu which formed the southern boundary of the country. Students unacquainted with the ancient Indian morality of warfare, which in most cases left the territories unaffected by the results of war, might think that the boundaries given above only represent what they were at the time when the author of the Solamandalasatakam and Kambar flourished, and as such, cannot be taken as true for earlier times. This notion is not correct. One can indeed see positive proof afforded by the statements of the two authorities, who were removed from each other in point of time and yet described in identical terms the boundaries, thus showing that the limits given were those in the past ages, not of their own. Annexation of territories did occur but they were rare. Whether rare or frequent, it must be further noted that such instances did not affect the geography of the place; and this will be made clear as we proceed. Another fact that is likely to mislead the student is the ancient practice of naming conquered territories after the names or surnames of the victor. It might be said that the fresh names given to places did not wipe out the older ones but were added on to them as later surnames to indicate, by the mere mention of the name with its surname, to whom or to which country the places originally belonged and who acquired it or re-named it in later times. Thus, in the double names such as Kong-ana Vīrašola-maņdalam. Ganga-maņdalam-āna Nigariliśōla-mandalam, Tondai-nād-āna Javangondasola-mandalam. Rājarāja-Pāndinādu, etc., one is clearly enabled to know what the ancient name of the district or province was in spite of its passing into other hands in later days. Here it might be added that it is the original name that survives in each case at the present day and not the later ones. For example, though the Pallavas ceased to be a ruling power after the Chola Aditya I conquered their country in the 9th century A.D. and Rajaraja I gave that country the new name Jayangondasola-mandalam, it is the ancient name Tondai-nadu or Tondai-Similarly, in the case of the Pandya country, which was first mandalam that persists. conquered by Parantaka I in the 10th century A.D. and was re-named Rajaraja-Pandinadu in he 11th century, the name Pāṇḍi-nāḍu or Pāṇḍi-maṇḍalam exists even today. The conquerors themselves carefully minded preserving the original names. Thus in the stamp of double names impressed on the places in inscriptions, there is sure indication as to what ancient dominion the places at first belonged.

Vellaru being the southern limit of the ancient Chola dominions, the territory lying to the south of it must have belonged to any other kingdom than Sonadu or Sola-mandalam. That it was actually so is proved both by inscriptions and by the Tamil literature as will be seen in the sequel. Now we shall take up that portion of the Arantangi Taluk which lies to the south of the Vellaru river, and therefore clearly outside the Chola dominion, and see to what country it belonged. Roughly, this tract is something like a triangle with one of its points turned southwards ending in Tiruppunavāsal and having its base in the north running from west to east along the course of the river Vellaru as it flows into the sea just at the north of Manamelkudi and east of Tandalai. Out of this triangle, a portion on the north-western side falls in the Pudukköttai State. It will be observed that the line 79° 5' cuts this triangle almost into two halves, one in the east and the other in the west. The portion on the eastern side forms the seaboard and extends from the mouth of the Vellagu in the north to the mouth of the Pambagu in the south. The western portion adjoins the Pudukkōṭṭai State and the Rāmnād and Sivaganga Zamindaries and in this region the river Pāmbāru is seen to mark the western boundary of a portion of the southern part of the modern Arantangi Taluk. Almost the whole of this tract of land was included in Milalaikūrram. This Milalai-kūrram is a natural division, an island formed by the rivers Vellaru and Pāmbāru and the sea. Over it there reigned in early times a chieftain named Vēļ-Evvi, of ancient

stock, and famous for the munificence of gifts which he made.1 He was the immediate ancestor or a near relation of Vēļ-Pāri who, like him, had earned a similar renown which made the Saiva saint Sundaramūrti-Nāyaṇār celebrate him in one of the Tēvāram hymns,2 Vēļ-Evvi is said to have been defeated by the Pāṇḍya king Talaiyālaṅgāṇattu-seruvenra-Neduñjeliyan.<sup>2</sup> Vēl-Pāri's liberality was such that he is said to have presented away all the 300 villages over which he was lord.4 If there is truth in these statements, the family of Evvi and Pari should have ceased to exist as a ruling power in or immediately after the time of the Pandya Neduñjeliyan and the tract of country formerly subject to them, of which the principal one was Milalai-kūrram, should have passed into the hands of the Pāṇḍvas and included in their dominion, i.e., Pāndimandalam. It is quite in agreement with this that the inscriptions refer to Mılalai-kürram as a district of the Pandva country. This ancient district of Pandimandalam had three divisions named after the directions in which they lay, viz., Kīl-kūṛru, the eastern division which adjoined the sea, Mēlkūrru, the western division which included in it the villages adjoining the river Pāmbāru, and Naduvir-kurru, which lay between these two. There are enough geographical references to the various divisions of this ancient district and the villages situated in them; but they lie scattered and unrecognised in the vast number of South Indian epigraphs. A mere collection of the references found in lithic records of past ages, arranged and classified under the three divisions named above, followed by the identification of the places mentioned therein and spotting them in a map is sure to remove much of our ignorance and misconception relating to this district and prove to be of value in locating easily fresh places that future discoveries might bring to light. The popular idea that all places included in the modern District of Tanjore must have belonged to the Cholas or, in other words, that the Tanjore District represents the ancient Chola dominion is wrong and must account for the misconception that Milalai-kurram with its sister district of Mutturrukūrram should have been in the possession of the ancient Chōlas and included in their dominion. From what has been said above, it will be clear that excepting perhaps a small portion to the north of the Vellaru river, the rest of the Arantangi Taluk lav outside the Chola dominion and that this tract was first subject to the rule of Vel-Evvi and subsequently passed into the hands of the Pāndyas and was ever afterwards geographically included in Pāndimandalam and formed a major portion of two of the divisions of the ancient district of Milalai-kūrram. The following is almost an exhaustive list of the villages in Milalai-kürram found in the inscriptions of the South Indian epigraphical collection.<sup>5</sup> They are noted under the respective divisions to which they belonged and in such an order as would admit of easy identification.

In an inscription, Tiruvādavūr is said to have been situated in Ten-Parambu-nāḍu, a subdivision of Pāṇḍi-maṇḍalam. (No. 423 of S. I. I., Vol. VIII.)

<sup>1 &</sup>quot; Ombāv-īgai mā-Vēļ-Evvi" and "Ton-mudir Vēļir" are the expressions used in describing him in Puram 24.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Verse 2 of Sundaramürtti-Nāyaṇār's hymn on Tiruppugalür.

³ Puram 24. The words used are "Milalaiyodu \* \* \* \* Muttūru tanda korra-nīļ-kuḍai-kkoḍi-ttēr-chCheliyaṇ."

<sup>•</sup> Puram 110. The relevant portion runs thus:— Kadand-adu-tāṇai mūvirun-kūdiyudanranirāyinum Parambu kolark-aridē Munnūr-ūrttē taṇ-Parambu-naṇ-nāḍu Munnūr-ūrum parisilar perranar.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> There is a valuable contribution in the *Kongumalar* (Vol. IV, pp. 80f.) by Mr. K. S. Vaidyanathan on 'Vēļ-Evvi and his country' where he has collected together most of the references to Milalai-kūrram and Muttūrrukūrram found in inscriptions and Tamil classical works and has successfully established that these two Distriots originally belonged only to Vēļ-Evvi.

#### Milalai-kürram.1

Kīl-kūrru.

Tandalai.2

Maņamēlkudi alias

Kulöttungaśölapattinam.3

Manjakkudi.4

Ēmbal alias Kaliyugarāmanallūr.5

Ponparri.6 Vanganagar.7

Seyyāņam alias Parākramapāņdiya-

nallūr.8 Koluvanūr.9

Vetchiyūr alias Mummadiśolanallūr.10

Viļattūr alias Jayangoņdašoļanal-11

Naduvir-kūrru.

Āvudaiyārkōyil<sup>12</sup> or Tirupperundurai alias Pavitramāņikka-chaturvēdimangalam.

Tachchanenmali.13

Tuñjalūr.14

Amaradi (or <sup>c</sup>dakki) mangalam. 15

Paravilimangalam.16

Vilānkāttūr alias Vikramašolanal-

lür .17

Pullürkkudi.18

Kulot-Paräntakanallür alias tungaśolanallūr.29

Pudukkudi.20

Mēl-kūrru (Vada-Pāmbārru-nādu)

Aśvatavattűr.21 Āļappirandāņ-Būmiyūr. 22 Mālavar-mānikkam.23 Sēndamangalam.24 Ēnāngaļūr.25 Mümmör.

Tannīr-Andakkudi alias Daranivichchādiranallūr.26

Sundarapāndiva nallūr.27

Vaikundanallūr.28 Nulambūr.29

The villages are arranged from north to south in the above list to dispense with the necessity of a map.

If the southern portion of the modern Arantangi Taluk is divided into two halves by drawing a vertical line north-south one can find without any exception all the places of the Kil-kurru in the eastern half which adjoins the Bay of Bengal, and all the places of the Naduvir-kurru on the western half, with the exception of Parantakanallur alias Kulottungaśolanallur. The last men-

2 Below, text-line 76.

<sup>3</sup> No. 448 of S. I. I., Vol. VIII. <sup>6</sup>No. 372 of S. I. I., Vol. IV.

5 Ibid. 4 Ibid., No. 210.

 $^{7}$  No. 380 of the Mad. Ep. Colln. for 1929-30.

- No. 462 of the same collection and No. 301 of S. I. I., Vol. V.
- No. 460 of the Mad. Ep. Colln. for 1909.
- 10 S. I. I., Vol. IV, No. 372; Vol. V, Nos. 301, 446; and A. S. S. I., pp. 48 and 52.
- n S. I. I., Vol. IV, No. 372; A. S. S. I., pp. 48, 52; and Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1309. No. 461.
  - 13 Nos. 502 and 503 of the same colln. for 1925.
  - 13 No. 372 of S. I. I., Vol. IV.
  - 14 S. I. I., Vol. V, No. 301 and No. 425 of Mad. Ep. Colin. for 1911.
  - 13 Mad. Ep. Colln. No. 15 of 1924 and No. 694 of 1916.
  - 16 S. I. I., Vol. V, No. 301.

17 Ibid., No. 432.

- 18 Mad. Ep. Colln. No. 270 of 1929-30, No. 30 of 1908, No. 2 of 1931-32 and S. I. I., Vol. IV, No. 372 and Vol. V, No. 301.
  - 19 S. I. I., Vol. V, Nos. 301 and 987 and Pudukkõttai State collection, Nos. 126 and 376.
  - 20 Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1929-30, No. 457.
  - 21 Mad. Ep. Colln. for 1926, No. 551.
  - 22 Same collection for 1929-30, No. 240.
  - 33 Nos. 324, 492 and 591 of Pudukkōttai State collection.
  - Mo. 411 of the same collection.
  - 25 No. 372 of the same collection.
  - 26 S. I. I., Vol. V, No. 301.
  - 27 Ibid., No. 987
  - 28 S. I. I., Vol. V, No. 301.

29 No. 519 of 1925 and Pudukkõttai State collection No. 124.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This District was sometimes called Gēyavinōda-valanāḍu (No. 442 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1929.30), which was one of its Divisions (551 of 1926). Besides the villages noted under each of the three Divisions, a few more are mentioned as being in Milalai-kurram without specifying the Division to which they belonged. These are Munpālai (No. 230 of 1926), Karuvili (No. 125 of 1912), Okkūr (No. 247 of S. I. I., Vol. VIII), Velļūr (No. 393 of S. I. I., Vol. VIII), Vittūrparru and Ādūņi (No. 211 of the same Volume), Pārūr (No. 67 of Mad. Ep. Colln. for 1910), Tiruvindaļūr (No. 547 of 1916), Perunāvalūr (No. 406 of S. I. I., Vol. V), Irumbāli (No. 265 of 1928-29), and Adumbār (No. 66 of 1927).

tioned place is now changed in name and is called Irumbānādu. It is in the Pudukköţţai State and the inscriptions of the place show that it bore the name Parantakanallur. The places noted above under Mēl-kūrru, also called Vada-Pāmbāru-nādu, do not fall in the Arantangi Taluk. Three of them, viz., Māļavarmāņikkam, Šēndamangalam and Ēnāngaļūr are in the Pudukkōtṭai State. The finding of so many of the villages of Milalai-kürram in South Arantangi Taluk and the adjacent part of Pudukköttai State convincingly proves that this was the region subject to the rule of the Vēl chieftain Evvi in the first instance. That this Kūrram is invariably stated in inscriptions from the time of Parantaka I, i.e., from the beginning of the tenth century. downwards as being situated in Pandimandalam shows that it was acquired by the Pandyas from Vēļ-Evvi and included in that territory. It is particularly worthy of note that even though the Cholas obtained possession of the Pandya territory later in the days of Parantaka I as is clearly indicated by the existence of the Chola inscriptions, traces of the inclusion of the Kūrram originally in the Pandya country did not disappear but were on the other hand preserved and there is every reason to hold that the Vēl chieftain must have been subordinate to the Else the district would not have been termed as one in Pandimandalam. It Pāndva king. would simply have been called Milalai-kūrram just like Urattūr-kūrram. All that the Chola conquest meant was that the Chōla suzerainty was acknowledged by the Pandya king and his subjects. Some of the places of Milalai-kūrram have a history of their own which every student of Tamil literature must be aware of even though he may not know where the place themselves are. This history affords another strong proof that the region comprising the South-Arantangi Taluk was in early days included in the Pāṇḍya country. Maṇamēlkuḍi is the place of nativity of Kulachchirai-Nāyaṇār, the prime-minister of the Pāṇdya king Nelvēli-pōr-venganinrasīr-Nedumāran (1. e., Nedumāran who acquired lasting fame by the conquest in the battle of Nelvēli), the king that was converted to the Saiva faith by the efforts of Saint Jñānasambandha, the contemporary of Siguttonda who was the general of the Pallava king that conquered Vătāpi which event we know as having taken place in the first half of the 7th century A.D. There is no room for thinking that the minister might have come from any other country than the Pandya. Speaking of him, Śekkilar, the author of the Tamil Pernyapuranam and the minister of the Chola king of his day, distinctly states that Manamelkudi was in the Pandya country and the minister hailed from there.2 Inscriptions testify to the correctness of his geographical description.3 Similarly, Avudaivārkovil is connected with the history of Mānikkavāchaka, another Pāndya minister.

Now about Muttürru-kürram, which like Milalai-kürram was subject to the rule of the Vēl chief Evvi and was included in the Pāṇḍya country. The very fact that the two districts were subject to the sway of one ruler suggests at once that Muttürru-kürram must lie adjacent to Milalai-kürram, which, as shown above, occupied South-Arantangi Taluk and parts of Pudukköṭṭai State and Rāmnād District. In determining the region in which this district lay and for knowing to which kingdom it belonged in early days, nothing will be so valuable as a collection of the epigraphs which refer to this district and identifying the places mentioned therein. The inscriptions which mention Muttürru-kürram are not many, but even the few that we have, are sufficient for

<sup>1</sup> No. 230 of 1926 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection, dated 37th year of Parantaka I mentions Munpalai in Milalai-kūrram in Pandi-nādu.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Periyapurānam (Kulachchirai-Nāyanār. vv. 1 and 8). The following are the verses:—Paṇnu tol-pugal-pPāṇḍi-naṇ-ṇāṭtiḍai=chchen-ṇelār-vayal=tiṅ-karumpiṇ-ayal-punnu pūga-ppurambaṇai śūlndadu maṇṇu vaṇmaiyain-ār Maṇamēṛkuḍi. Inṇa nall-olukkattiṇāl īrīlā-tTeṇṇavan Neḍumāraṛku śīr-tigal maṇnu mandirikatku mēl-āgiyār oṇṇalar-chcherr-urudikkaṇ ninṛulār.

See foot-note 5, page 91 above.

locating it, since we know that it was contiguous to Milalai-kugram. The earliest inscription which mentions the district as being in the Pandva country is a record of the Chola king Parantaka I.1 A few others call the province, in which Mutturru-kurram was situated, by the names Pāṇḍi-maṇḍalam² and Rājarāja-Pāṇḍi-nāḍu.3 The villages mentioned in the inscriptions as being in Muttürru-kürram are Kattivayal,4 Anjuköttai,5 Kappalür6 alias Ulagalandasõlanallür, Adangārimangalam,7 Muttūr8 alcas Uyyakkondasolanallūr, Araiyattūr,9 Sundarapāndiyachaturvēdimangalam, 10 Māvalūr. 11 Kuruvadimidi 2 alias Jinendramangalam, Tīttānam, 12 Tenralai,14 Tiruppunavāyil,15 and Andanūr-Śigukambūr,16 The Taluk that adjoins the southern portion of Arantangi, in which we have traced most of the places of the various divisions of Milalai-kūrram, is Tiruvādāņai of the Rāmnād District. On the north-eastern side of the Tiruvādāņai Taluk runs the river Pāmbāru which separates Rāmnād District from Arantangi Taluk of the Tanore District. Just as expected, we actually find almost on the western bank of this river, the villages Kaţţivayal. Aŭjukōţţai, Kappalūr, Muttūr, Adangāri and Andanür-Śirukambūr.17 Tiruppuṇavāyil (Tiruppuṇavāśal) is in the extreme south of Arantangi Taluk itself and adjoins the sea.18 We have also the testimony of the Chola minister Sēkkiļār to the fact that Tiruppuņavāšal was included in the Pāṇdya country.19 If there was room for misconception in the case of Milalai-kurram on account of its inclusion in the Tanjore District, there is none in the case of Mutturru-kurram. Tiruvādāņai Taluk of the Rāmnād District could never have come under the early Chola dominion. It is in this Taluk and in the Tiruppattur Taluk that the river Pambaru flows, on whose banks we have traced most of the places included in Mutturru-kurram.

Muttūrru-kūrram is believed by some to have been taken by the Pāṇḍya king Neḍuñjeliyan from Iruṅgōvēl. We shall now consider the question if this District could ever have been included in the territory of Iruṅgōvēl, who, like Vēl-Evvi and Pāri flourished in early days and was one among the chieftains defeated by the said Pāṇḍya. Tamil literature and inscriptions both bear

<sup>1</sup> No. 266 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1907.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Nos. 425 and 429 of the same collection for 1913.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> No. 46 of the same for 1930-31.

<sup>4</sup> Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1907, No. 266.
5 Ibid., No. 408.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The same collection for 1913, Nos. 425 and 429, S. I. I., Vol. IV, No. 373 and S. I. I., Vol. VIII, No. 313.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1918, No. 76.

<sup>8</sup> S. I. I., Vol. IV, No. 426.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> S. I. I., Vol. VIII, No. 212.

<sup>10</sup> Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1916, Nos. 17 and 33.

<sup>11</sup> No. 60 of the Pudukköttai State Collection.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1907, No. 408.

<sup>13</sup> Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1926, No. 599.

<sup>14</sup> Same collection for 1930-31, No. 46.

<sup>15</sup> S. I. I., Vol. VIII, No. 213.

<sup>16</sup> Ibid., No. 436, and Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1929-30, No. 295.

<sup>17</sup> Anjukottai is to the north-east of Tiruvadānai, Kattivayal is east by north of Anjukottai and about three miles to the west of the Pambaru river and Sirukambūr is to the west of the Pambaru river and north of Kattivayal. Kappalūr lies to the west of the Pambaru river and in the centre of the northern part of Tiruvadānai Taluk.

<sup>18</sup> Jñānasambandha and Sundaramūrtti-Nāyanār describe it in these words:-

<sup>&</sup>quot;Perun-kadar-kānalvāy=ppuṇḍarigam malar-ppoygai sūlnda Punavāyilē"

<sup>&</sup>quot;Kadar-kānalvāy-ppurkenru tönridumzemperumān Punavāyilē."

<sup>19</sup> Verses 884 to 893 mention the places in the Pandya country visited by Jaanasambandha before returning to his place. Among these Punavāyil is one (v. 891).

evidence to the fact that the territory over which Irungovel-chiefs ruled was called Konadul and that its capital was Kodumbāļūr.2 The question reduces itself to this 'Could Muttūrru-kūrram have been included in or was even adjacent to Könādu?'. Könādu is situated in the modern Pudukkottai State. A geographical analysis of the inscriptions of that State will show that Koṇāḍu and its several divisions and sub-divisions occupied the whole of the Kulattūr Taluk and the northern portion of the Tirumeyyam Taluk. The southern part of the Tirumeyyam Taluk which is the southernmost part of the Pudukköttai State, had in it another ancient district called Kāṇa-nāḍu and this Kāṇa-nāḍu³ is stated to be a division of Pāṇḍimaṇḍalam. It was contiguous to Kēraļašinga-vaļanādu. So then, between Kōnādu which is reputed to be the territory of Irungovēļ chiefs and Mutturru-kurram, there lav the two ancient districts of Kēraļasinga-vaļanādu and This analysis will convincingly establish that Kāṇa-nāḍu, both belonging to Pāṇḍimaṇḍalam. the distant Mutturgu-kurgam which we have located in the north-eastern part of the Tiruvaḍāṇai Taluk of the Rāmnāḍ District could never have been included in or was contiguous to Kōṇāḍu, the territory over which Irungövel held sway, intercepted as it was by two other districts of the Pāṇdya country.

Geographical analysis of the inscriptions of the Pudakkottal State.

## Kōnāpu—

- (a) Annalväyil-kürram :—Irumbāļi, Madinūr, Telingakulakālapuram (in Ten-Kōṇāḍu) alias Kulöttungaśōlapaṭṭiṇam and Visalūr.—all in Kulattūr Taluk.
- (b) Kūḍalūr-nāḍu:—Paṇaiyūrkuļam, Śēvalūr. Sirraiyūr.—all in Tirumeyvam Taluk.
- (c) Kunriyūr or Kunrišūļ-nādu :—Kaļanivāsal, Mēl-Maṇalūr, Parambaiyūr, Punnanguḍi, Šikhānallūr, Tırunalakkunram,—all in the Kuļattūr Taluk.
- (d) Ollaiyūr-kūgram:—Āńkudi alias Āmanallūr, Idaiyāgrūr. Kāraiyūr, Kīļa-Taṇiyal, Kograyūr, alias Uttamaśōlapuram. Neriňjikkudi, Ollaiyūr alias Madurai, Ollaiyūrmaṅgalam (Oliyamaṅgalam). Rājēndraśōlapuram, Śāttanūr, Sundaraśōlapuram alias Dēśiyugandapaṭṭṇam (Sundaram), and Viṇtūkki alias Rājēndraśōlapuram,—all in Tirumeyyam Taluk.
- (e) Urattūr-kūrgam (Vada-Kōṇādu):—Ālattūr, Koḍumbāļūr. Kūļai-kuļattūr, Mēnelvēli, Nīrpaļani. Payyūr, Pudukkudi, Šārapatṭaṇam alias Vikramašōlapperunderu and Tiruviraiyāṇkudi (Tiruvilāṅgudi).—all in the Kuļattūr Taluk.
- (f) Vada Sıruvāvil-nâdu in (e):—Ilanjāvūr, Kīranūr, Kumāramangalam,—all in the Kulattūr Taluk.
- (g) Vayalaga-nādu —Pulvayal and Vayalagam. Both are in Kulattūr Taluk.

#### Kānanāpu-

(a) Kāṇa-nāḍu:—Ādanūr. Andanūr. Köṭṭaiyūr. Malayaköyil. Mēlūr, Muniyandai, Pēraiyūr, Perundurai. Perunkaraikkuḍi, alans Tiruvaranguļanallūr, Pulivalam. Śōlapāṇḍiyapuram, Teṇ-Kāṭṭūr. Tirumeyyam. Tulaiyānilai, Viraiyāchchilai. These villages are in Tirumeyyam Taluk.

¹ One of the earliest sovereigns of Kōnāḍu celebrated in Tamil literature is the renowned Śaiva devotee Iḍaṅgali-Nāyaṇār, of whom it is said that he was the head of the Vēlir family, ruled from Koḍumbālūr and was a lineal descendant of Āditya (v. 2 of Iḍaṅgali-Nāyanār Purānam). The Mūvarkōyil inscription of Koḍumbālūr, besides testifying to the antiquity of this Vēl family, records the part played by some of the members in the history of South India (Annual Report on Epigraphy, Madras, for 1908, p. 87).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Kodumbai (Kodumbāļūr) lay on the way to the Pāṇḍya country from the Chōla territory (Śilappadikāram, Kāḍukānkādai, l. 71).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Tirumeyyam in Kāna-nāḍu has one of the eighteen famous Vaishnava temples of the Pāṇḍya country. This also shows that Kāna-nāḍu was in the Pāṇḍya territory.

- (b) Sengunra-nādu: —Ālangudi, Āngudi, and Mēlanilai.
- (c) Turumā-nāḍu:—Ānamandai, Kaṇṇanūr, Tirunāvalūr and Turumā,—all in Tirumevvam Taluk.

Kēralaśinga-valanādu¹ and Madurōdaya-valanādu² mentioned in the plates are two other districts of the Pandva country. The former covered a very large portion of the Tiruppattur Taluk of the Ramnad District, a part of the Pudukkottai State and seems to have extended also into the Sivaganga Zamindari. It had several sub-divisions of which six are known, viz., (1) Kalvāvil-nādu, (2) Šolapāņdya-valanādu, 3 (3) Kīl-Kuņdāgu, (4) Tēņāgguppokku, (5) Tiruttivūr-Muttam, and (6) Adalaiyūr-nādu. Of the villages of (1) Kalvāvil-nādu. viz., Nelvāyil, Pullamangalam. Kulašēkharapuram. and Sundarapandivapuram, are in the Pudukköttai State while Ilaivāttakudi alias(or near) Kulasēkharapuram, 8 Iraniyūr, 9 Korramangalam 10 and Kunrattūr<sup>11</sup> are in the Tiruppattūr Taluk. The villages in (2) are Kāraiyūr, <sup>12</sup> Tirukkōttiyūr, <sup>13</sup> Śolamārttānda-chaturvēdimangalam,14 i.e., Śivapuri. Kannamangalam,15 Karungulattūr.16 Mēlūr,17 Pūdikkudi, 18 Širudaiūr 19 and Šīrudai. 20 The village Alagāpuri, 21 was situated in (3). In the sub-division of Tēṇāṛruppōkku was the village Nivamam²² (Nēmam). Tiruttiyūr-Muttam had two divisions; in the eastern division (Kīļai-Tiruttivūr-Muttam) were the villages Siruvaval,23 Annivūr,24 Dēśanguļam.24 Kodunguļam,24 Vēppanguļam.24 and Verriyūr,24 while Mēlai-Tiruttiyūr-Muttam had Pāgaņēri25 in it. The village of Tirukkunrakkudi26 (Kunnakkudi) was in Adaļaiyūrnādu in which passed the river Tēṇāro27. The villages of Ilai-Kadambangulam28 (modern Sannavaram). Pilar29 and Korramangalam30 were in Tiruttivur-Muttam: but it is not known whether they belonged to the eastern or western division.

- Nos. 252 and 258 of the Pudukkottai State Collection. No. 267 of the same collection.
- <sup>6</sup> No. 491 of the same collection.
- <sup>7</sup> No. 346 of the same.
- <sup>8</sup> No. 38 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1926 and No. 182 of S. I. I., Vol. VIII.
- No. 4 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1926.
- 10 No. 80 of 1916 of the same collection.
- <sup>11</sup> No. 85 of 1916.
- <sup>12</sup> No. 133 of the same for 1907.
- <sup>13</sup> No. 284 of the same for 1923, Nos. 291-2 for 1929-30 and S. I. I., Vol. IV, p. 529.
- <sup>14</sup> Nos. 16 and 20 of Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1928-29.
- 15 No. 36 of the same collection for 1916.
- <sup>16</sup> No. 64 of the same for 1928-29.
- 17 No. 201 of the same for 1924.
- <sup>18</sup> No. 200 of the same for 1924.
- 19 No. 304 of the same for 1929-30.
- <sup>20</sup> No. 224 of the same for 1924.
- <sup>21</sup> No. 101 of the same for 1924.
- <sup>22</sup> Nos. 1, 77 and 83 of the same for 1924.
- <sup>23</sup> No. 55 of the same for 1924.
- <sup>24</sup> S. I. I., Vol. VIII, No. 180.
- <sup>25</sup> No. 58 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1924.
- <sup>26</sup> No. 25 of the same for 1909.
- 27 No. 263 of Pudukkôttai State Collection.
- 28 No. 14 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1916.
- 29 No. 12 of the same.
- 30 No. 50 of the same collection for 1924.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> No. 617 of 1905 states that this is a district of Pandimandalam.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> No. 319 of Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1927-28.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Though the term valanādu is usually employed to denote a district, it indicates a sub-division here. Owing to the large size of Kēraļaśinga-vaļanādu, it seems to have been split up into two parts in later days.

The sub-divisions of Madurodaya-valanadu and the villages situated in them are noted below:—

- (1) Kāñai-Irukkai which had in it Ulakkuḍi,¹ Iruñchirai,² Koṭṭakīrti,² Vēļānēri,² Karpakīrti² and Irāśiṅganallūr.³
- (2) Māḍakkuļakkīļ which had in it Kodimangalam, Madurai, Siruvenkunram.
- (3) Vēlūrkuļakkīļ, with Kundadēvi-chaturvēdimangalam.
- (4) Rājaśiṅgaṇkuļakkīl which had in it Rājēndiram, Tiruppūvaṇam, Ambalattāḍi-chaturvēdimaṅgalam. 10
- (5) Karunīlakkudi-nādu which had in it Tiruttangāl."
- (6) Idaikkudi-nādu which had in it Mēlai-Seluvaņūr12 alias Satrubhayankaranallūr.
- (7) Veņbuļa or Veņbil-nāḍu which had in it Kumārapavitra-chaturvēdimangalam<sup>13</sup> and Senkāṭṭirukkai-Iḍattuvali.<sup>14</sup>
- (8) Purapparalai-nādu which had in it Puttūr, 15 Kallikudi, 16 Milaganūr 16 and Nīrmadaiyūr. 17
- (9) Kallaga-nāḍu which must have had at least two sub-divisions as the name Ten Kallaga-nāḍu is applied to one of them which contained the villages Dēśipaṭṭanam alias Vikra-maśōlapuram¹8 (Vikramaṅgalam), Śēndaṇēri-Kaṭṭikaḷḷūr (Tenkarai)¹9 and Parā-kramapāṇḍiyapuram.²0

It will be noted that four of the sub-divisions given in the Tiruppūvaņam plates without mentioning the district to which they belonged were actually in Madurōdaya-vaļanāḍu. These are Māḍakkuļakkīļ, Rājaśiṅgaṇkuļakkīļ, Purapparaļai-nāḍu and Kāñai-Irukkai.

A word of explanation is necessary for treating as sub-divisions geographical terms ending in ' $kulakk\bar{\imath}l$ '. of which we have as many as four instances. In mentioning villages, inscriptions usually give first the district, then the sub-division and lastly the village. Districts generally have the suffix  $valan\bar{a}du$  and the sub-divisions end in  $n\bar{a}du$ . Sometimes in place of  $valan\bar{a}du$ , the term  $k\bar{u}rram$  is employed; and if it had not any sub-divisions with distinct and different names, it is itself divided into two or more divisions according to the directions in which they lay, such as east, middle and west, north and south, etc. This is also the case even with regard to some

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> S. I. I., Vol. IV, No. 372,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Below, text-lines 108, 245, 246 and 250.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> S. I. I., Vol. V, No. 446.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> S. I. I., Vol. IV, No. 370.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Below, text-line 16.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> No. 66 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1916.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> No. 447 of the same collection for 1906.

<sup>8</sup> Below, text-line, 92.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Below, text-line, 133.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> S. I. I., Vol. VIII, No. 423.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> No. 574 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1922.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> No. 317 of the same for 1927-28. Tangāl occurs as a village in the Pāṇḍya country in the Śilappadigāram Canto XXIII, l. 75.

<sup>13</sup> No. 331 of the same collection for 1918.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Nos. 403 and 414 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1914.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> S. I. I., Vol. V, No. 302 and Vol. IV, No. 372.

<sup>16</sup> Below, text-lines 106 and 111.

<sup>17</sup> S. I. I., Vol. V, Nos. 302 and 431.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Nos. 613, 614 and 616 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1926.

<sup>19</sup> S. I. I., Vol. V, Nos. 294 and 298.

<sup>20</sup> Ibid., No. 295.

sub-divisions which are large enough to be so apportioned. For instance the district of Milalaikurram had no separate sub-divisions: in the place of the latter, we have Kil-kurra. Naduvirkūrru and Mēl-kūrru, i.e., the eastern, middle and western portions. Similarly, the sub-division Sembi-nadu had Vadatalai-Sembi-nadu, Kil-Sembi-nadu, etc., i.e., the northern and eastern portions of Sembinadu. Districts are sometimes omitted in inscriptions and villages are mentioned with the sub-divisions to which they belonged. From the fact that the geographical items Mādakkulakkīl, Rājēndrašingaņkuļakkīl, etc., immediately follow a valanādu or district and are followed in turn by villages, they have to be treated as sub-divisions. It will not be right to take the terms ending in "kulakkil" to mean "to the east of any particular tank". In these items the particle kil does not mean 'east' as opposed to 'mel' 'west' but stands for "under or in ". Hence we have inserted the four items ending in kulakkil as sub-divisions and assigned them their places under the districts to which they belonged. In this connection, it is worthy of note that we have not come across even a single instance where a village is stated to be situated to the west, north or south of Mādakkulam, Rājēndrasingankulam, etc.

Of the other sub-divisions mentioned in the plates, Vadatalai-Sembi-nādu in which Āvkkudi alias Aļagiyapāņdiyanallūr was situated, is seen from other inscriptions to have had the villages Iyamanīśvaram,1 Mēlai-Kodumaļūr2 or Kodumaļūr alias Uttamapāndiyanallūr, Kīlai-Kodumalūr³ alias Madurodayanallūr, Māvilangai, Nallūrkuruchchi, Perungirinallūr and Devvachchilainallur otherwise called Pannankulam. Except Iyamanisvaram (Emanisvaram) which is in the Paramakudi Taluk, the rest are found in the Mudukulattur Taluk of the Ramnad District. The name of the division shows that Sembi-nadu had other divisions. In fact, inscriptions refer to Kīl-Sembi-nādu in which were the villages Āṇaikudi, Kalarī alias Kaidavanallūr? Kadambangudi, Nallankudi, Maruvay alias Śrivallabhanallūr, Pavittiramanikkapattinam. Nallirukkai alias Vīrapāņdiyanallūr,7 Tiruppullāņi7 and Sembiyan Pērāmbūr; 7 Srīdēšam which had in it Tiru-Uttarakośamangai, as other divisions of Sembi-nādu. Most of these villages are in the Ramnad Taluk.

Kalavali-nādu was divided into two parts North and South. In Vada-Kalavali-nādu were Alagaimānagar, Kodaipirāttinallūr, 10 Kungattūr 11 and Purkuli. 12 Ten-Kaļavaļi-nādu had in it Mudikondapāņdiyapuram13 and Pullūrri14 alias Srīvallabhanallūr. That Kadambangudi was a village in Kalavali-nādu and bore the name Malayarāyankottai is learnt from two inscriptions.15 Ārāļaiyūr was another village in the same division.16

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> S. I. I., Vol. VIII, No. 395.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Madras Epigraphical Collection, Nos. 399 of 1907 and 531 of 1928.

<sup>3</sup> S. I. I., Vol. V, Nos. 440 and 441; and Nos. 469 of Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1909 and 304 of 1922.

<sup>•</sup> No. 392 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1914.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> S. I. I., Vol. V, No. 301.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid., Vol. VIII, No. 399.

<sup>7</sup> Hid., No. 398.

<sup>8</sup> Ibid.. No. 402.

Madras Epigraphical Collection, No. 283 of 1923, No. 5 of 1924 and No. 278 of 1929:30.

No. 316 of the same collection for 1923.

<sup>11</sup> Nos. 11, 23, 27 of the same for 1924.

<sup>12</sup> No. 291 of the same for 1923 and No. 18 of 1924.

<sup>13</sup> No. 47 of the same for 1926.

<sup>14</sup> No. 229 of the same for 1924.

<sup>15</sup> Nos. 1 and 3 of the same for 1924.

<sup>16</sup> No. 306 of the same collection for 1923,

APPENDIX A.

Names of persons that conducted the settlement of boundaries.

Serial No.	Names of persons.	Village.	Sub-division,	District or Province.
1	I. Kankānis (ll. 74-93). Araiyan Nārāyanan of Kattikuru-chchi.	Parāntakanallūr .	Naduvir-kürru .	Milalai-kürram.
2	Parāntakaņ Tiruppūvaņamudaiyāņ	Taṇḍalai	Kil-kü <b>rr</b> u	Ditto.
3	Karuņākaradēvaņ Purpavaņamu- daiyāņ.	Māranūr alias Palamaņda- lādittanallūr.	Alagiyapāņdiyakku- lakkīļ.	
4	Pillai Ālvān alias Ponnambalak- kūttan who was the kankāni of Tirurāykkēlvi Ponnan Sūriya- dēvan alias Jayadhara-Pallava- raiyar.	Karuppür Puttür	Tirumuṇaippāḍi-nāḍu Puṇappaṇaļai-nāḍu .	Sõlamandalam.
5	Vēļāņ Śāttaņ, the kankāni of Poyyā- molidēvar.	Kil-Neţţūr¹ alias Kirtiviśālai- yanallūr.	Karunguḍi-nāḍu .	, <b>,,</b> ,
6	Nārāyaṇaṇ Śāttaṇ who was the kankāṇi of Sāmudāyam Śīrāmaṇ Tiruvuḍaiyāṇ alias Pottappich- chōḷar.	Veļiyā <b>rrūr<sup>a</sup></b> Kappalūr <sup>3</sup> <i>alias</i> Ulagaļandasō- ļanallūr.	••••	Kēraļaśiṅga- vaļanāḍu Muttūrru-kūrram.
7	Arayan Tirumalai-udaiyān who was the <i>kankāni</i> of <i>Māļigaittaṇam</i> Sīvalavan Alagiyamaṇavāļaṇ <i>alias</i> Kāliṅgarāyar.	Arunkalam Āykkuḍi <sup>4</sup> alias Alagiyapāņ- ḍiyanall <b>ūr.</b>	Poliyūr-nāḍu Vaḍatalai-Sembi- nāḍu.	•…
8	Arayan Karumānikkam who was the kankāni of Malavarāyar.	Kīt-Paśalai alias Dānaviņōdanallūr.	Tīyandaikuḍi-nāḍu .	••••
9	Uyyavandān Ponnan alias Mānā- bharana-Mūvēndavēļār who was the adigāram of Pilļaiyār Aļagap- perumāļ.	Kappalür alias Ülagalan- dasõlanallür.	•…	Muttūrru-kūrram.
10	Nambi Ponnambalakküttan <i>alias</i> Vīrasingadēvar.	Sirupālaiyūr alias Kāvērival- lavanallūr.		Sõlapäņdiya-vala- nädu.
11	Malaikiniyaninrān Alagan alias Vijaiya Vichchādiradēvar who was one of the <i>anukkar</i> of		<b>,</b>	••••
	Śōlapāndiyavalanāṭṭu-kāriyam- śeygira Alagiyapāṇḍiyaṇār.	Rājēndiram	Irāśiṅgaṇkuļakkī] .	••••

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Nettür is in the Śivaganga Taluk.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This is in the Tiruppattur Taluk.

<sup>3</sup> This is a (Z) village in Tiruvādānai Taluk.

<sup>·</sup> Paramakudi Taluk.

Serial No.	Names of persons.	Village.	Sub-division.	District or Province.
_	II (ll. 93-96).			
12	Mādavaņ Divākara-Bhattaņ	Māṇavīramadurai	Tîyandaikudi-nadu	••••
13	Näräyanan Näräyana-Bhattan	Ditto	Ditto	••••
14	Śī-(Śrī) Mādavaņ Nārasimha-Bhaţ- ţaṇ.	Ditto	Ditto	****
15	Gövindan Tirunilakantha-Bhattan	Ditto	Ditto	••••
16	Jātavēdaņ Subrahmaņya-Bhattaņ	Ditto	Ditto	••••

Note.—Inclusive of the five persons of Manaviramadural named above (in Section II), the following others that are mentioned in the next six sections (III to VIII) who were concerned in the formation of the new brahmadeya also went with the elephant.

	III (ll. 96-98).			
17	Ādityan Śēndapirān-Bhattan of Tırukkudandai.	Marudūr <i>alias</i> Madu- rõdaya-chatur- vēdimangalam.	••••	••••
18	Śrì-Krishnan Alagiyarāghava- Bhattan.	Ditto .	••••	••••
19	Kāliyāyaņ Veņņaikkūtta-Bhatţaņ	Ditto .	••••	
	IV (ll. 98-100).			<u> </u>
20	Āhitāgni Śrīraṅganātha-Bhaṭṭa- Sōma-Kāṭhakayājiyār.	Mēr-Paśalai <sup>1</sup> alias Śrīvallabha chaturvēdi- mangalam.		••••
21	Nārāyaṇan Nārāyaṇa-Bhaṭṭaṇ	Ditto	••••	••••
22	Śrī-Vāsudēvan Nagnapirān-Bhaţţan	Ditto	••••	••••
23	Śri-Rāman Paramātma-Bhattan	Ditto	••••	••••
	V (II. 100-103).			
24	Arayan Uyyaninrāduvān alias Sembiyadaraiyan.	Kīţ-Paśalai¹ alias Dāṇaviṇōdanallūr.	••••	••••
25	Kēśavan Nārāyaņaņ	Ditto	••••	••••
26	Karumāņikkam-Korraņ	Ditto	••••	
27	Kalvāyii Kēśavaņ	Ditto	••••	••••
28	Periyan Perran	Ditto		••••
29	Nangan Alagan	Ditto	••••	••••
30	Vāsudēvaņ Súriyadêvan	Ditto	••••	• • • •

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Melappaśalai and Kilappasalai are (I) villages in the Sivaganga Taluk.

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Seria No.	Names of persons.	Village.	Sub-division.	District or Province.
-	VI (ll. 103-106),			
31	Appan Süriyadevan	Pohyūr aluas Pārthivakēsari- nallūr.		
32	Udayan Varaguņadēvan alias Aļagiyapāņdiya-Vilupparaiyan.	Ditto		
33	Sūriyan Varantaruvān alias Sangirāmasinga-Pallavaraiyan.	Ditto		
34	Sundarattöļudaiyān Somadēvaņ	Ditto		
	VII (II. 106-108).			
35	Dayāmlai Uyyavandāņ alias Čhēdīrāyaņ.	Kallikkuḍi¹ alias Puravuvarinallūr.	Purappa <u>r</u> aļai-nāḍu	
36	Aņukkan Ariyān	Ditto	Ditto	
37	Appan Arumolidēvan <i>alias</i> Šembiyan- Viļupparaiyan.	Ditto	Ditto	••••
38	Puttūr-kilavan Battan alias Purap- paraļamādu-kilavan.	Ditto	Ditto	
	VIII (ll. 108-110).			
39	Paliyānilai Sūriyadēvan <i>alias</i> Tamiņādukilavaņ.	Iruñchirai <sup>2</sup> alias Indirasamāna- nallūr.	Kāñai-Irukkai	••••
<b>4</b> 0	Vēļān Irattai <i>alıas</i> Rājakuñjara- Pallavaraiyan.	Ditto	Ditto	••••
	IX (li. 110-120).			
41	Śadiran Selvan	Miļaganūr <sup>3</sup>		••••
42	Rāman Aļagan	Ditto	••••	••••
43	Śōran Mūkkan	Ditto	••••	••••
44	Nāgadēvan Rāman alizs Rājanārā- yaņa-Mūvēndavēļān.	Ditto	••••	••••
45	Araśıriyān	Ditto	••••	•••

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This is a (Z) village in the Sivaganga Taluk.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Tradition has it that an early Pāṇḍya king bound with chains and imprisoned the clouds at this place which is on that account also known as Kaṭtunallūr-Iruñchirai. See V. 38 of Tiruvālavāyuḍaiyār Tiruvilaiyāḍal 44, p. 162. "Tudīppara vilavāu pātti=ttunind-iruñchirai raittān=arv-irlappeyar=l-Kaṭtunallūr-Iruñchiraiy=enbar=inɪum". The place is near Māṇāmadurai. A later inscription (No. 399 of S. I. I., Vol. VIII) mentions Iruñchirai-vaļanāḍu and locates Maṇṇaiyūrkōtṭai in it.

<sup>3</sup> This is an (I) village in Sivaganga.

Serial No.	Names of persons.	Village.	Sub-division.	District or Province.
46	Araiyan Pullāni who had the kānipparra of Pullāni Mādēvan alias Nuļambā- darāyar.	Achchańkāţţi- rukkai Tirumāli- ruñjōlai Mālaṅguḍi.¹	Kīţ-Śembi-nāḍu.	

Note.—The persons mentioned in this group were concerned in the formation of the new village of Milaganür surnamed Rājēndranallūr by clubbing together the villages and lands given in exchange for the old village of Milaganūr that was taken up and included in Rājagambhīra-chaturvēdimangalam.

	X (ll. 120-123).					
47	Śāttan Kanavadi	Si <b>r</b> ukuļattūr² <i>alias</i> Parākrama- pāņḍiyanallūr.	Alagiya-pāņdiya- kuļakkīl.	••••		
48	Sundarattöludaiyān Dēvan	Ditto	Ditto	••••		
49	Śāttan Kaṇḍan alias Tirumāliruñ- jōlai Dāsan.	Ditto	Ditto			
50	Vēļāņ Sundarattōļudaiyān	Ditto	Ditto			
51	Šīvallavaņ Pērāyiramudaiy <b>ā</b> ņ <i>alias</i> Mā <b>r</b> anūrnātṭu-Vēļāņ.	Ditto	Ditto			
52	Dēvaņ Šīvallavaņ Arattamikkidāsaņ	Ditto	Ditto	•…		
	XI (ll. 123-124).					
53	Udaiyadivākaraņ Śrī-Kārimāra- Bhattan of Ilavimangalam.	Šūrakudi³ alias Vīrakāmu- gamangalam.	***			
54	Nārāyaņan Subrahmanya-Bhaṭṭan	Ditto	, <b>810 o o</b>	••••		
	XII (ll. 125-127).					
55	Uyyaninrādi Periyāļvān	Vidattal <sup>a</sup> alias Mānā. bharaņa-chatur- vēdīmangalam.	Kīraņūr-nāḍu			
56	Śēndapirāņ Karumāmugil-Bhattaņ	Ditto	Ditto			
57	Gövindan Mänendukaiyan	Ditto	Ditto			
58	Adityan Bhāskara-Bhattan	Ditto	Ditto			
	XIII (ll. 127-128).					
59	Vēļāņ Kōvaņ	Vellürkuruchchi <sup>5</sup>	Aļagiyapāņģiya- kuļakkīl.	••••		
60	Ādi Perrāņ	Ditto	Ditto	••••		
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Most of the places in Kil-Sembi-nāḍu are, like Mālangudi, situated in the Ramnad Taluk of the Ramnad District.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> There is a village called Sirukulam in the Sivaganga Taluk.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> This place is in Sivaganga.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> There is a Vidattakulam in the Sivaganga Taluk.

This is perhaps Vellikuruchchi in the Sivaganga Taluk.

Serial No.	Names of persons.	Village.	Sub-division.	District or Province.
61	Vēļāņ Alagan alias Sundarapāņdiya- Mūvēndavēļāņ.	Vellürkuruchchi	Alagiyapāņḍiya-kuļa- kkil.	••••
62	Vēļāņ Šīriļankō	Ditto	Ditto	ang sua
	XIV (ll. 129-131).	[		
63	Āļvāņ Upādhyāyar	Marudur	Tiruvāvaņam	••••
64	Karumāņikkam Ulagamuņdāņ Bhattaņ.	Perumpuliy <b>ür</b>	<b>66 66</b>	••••
65	Mayūravāhanan Āduvān-Bhatṭan	Marudür	<b>6-1</b> 4-0	••••
	XV (il. 131-132).			
66	Rāmaņ Uyyavandāņ	Vēļūr <i>alia</i> s Aļagi- yapāņdiyanallūr.	Kīraņūr-nāḍu	••••
67	Perran Pattan	Ditto	Ditto	••••
68	Dēvaņ Nambi	Ditto	Ditto	••••
69	Śōran Nāttān	Ditto	Ditto	

Note.—The persons mentioned in sections X to XV were all concerned in clubbing the villages in the brahma-dēya of Rājagambhīra-chaturvēdimangalam.

	XVI (ll. 133-138).			
70	Anaittanam Pamman Adiyārkunal- laperumān alias Pallavadaraiyan.	Tiruppūvaņam	Irāśiṅgaṇkuļakkīļ	P 4 gr#
71	Meyppu Malaiyan Śōran alias Viñjattaraiyan.	••••	****	• • • • •
72	Dēvan Tillai <i>alias</i> Madurõdaya- Pallavaraiyan	6-0 * g	tie tre	\$*\$ pus
73	Šīkayilāya-Bhattan <i>alias</i> Šīvallava- Pallavaraiyan.	••••	Br0 GeO	<b>***</b> ***
74	Kaņavadi Šīrāmaņ <i>alias</i> Sundara- pāņdiya-Pallavaraiyaņ.	818 WB	P1 to	<b>→</b> ω
75	Ēraņ Periyāņ <i>alias</i> Pāṇḍiyaṇ Pallavaraiyaṇ.	\$ \$ \$** <b>\$</b>	pré que	<b>***</b> ***
76	Põrru Aravamudaiyān Villi <i>alias</i> Mudittalaikonda-Pallavaraiyan.	••••	****	B16 gad
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Note.—The seven persons of group XVI conducted the female elephant.

#### APPENDIX B.

List of villages and lands included in Rājagambhīra-chaturvēdimangalam in Rājagambhīra-vaļanādu.

(Lines 19 tc 69.)

#### Kiranur-nādu.

Nakkamangalam.—The village of Kîranûr in the Śivaganga Taluk was perhaps the chief place in the division.

Vāgaikudi.—This was a dēvadāna of Tiruppūvaņamudaiyār.

Tiruvāvanam.

Tuttiyūr.—There is a village called Tuttikuļam in the Šivaganga Taluk.

Kirungākkottai.—This village is in the Śivaganga Taluk.

Kāduvetti, Muttam, Korranēri, Tadaiyili-Tiyagı-ēmbal, Vellattaivenrān-ēmbal, Naduvirköttai and Kādan-Etti-kuruehehi are lands in Kirungākköttai.

#### Panangalur-nādu.

Adikarai.—A village in the Sivaganga Taluk.

Mıttiravâli.

Vēlanguļam.-A village in the Sivaganga Taluk.

Omalagiyān-ēmbal.—A land in Vēlanguļam.

Solaiyeri.—Now called Solaiseri in Sivaganga Taluk.

Kudanjādi.-This village is in the Sıvaganga Taluk.

Aruvarai-Pudukkuļam.

Kīt-Chūrai.

Mēr-Chūrai.

Pıdārikuļam.

Panangalūr alias Paņditapanjaranallūr.

Seyyakulattür.—Its present name is Seykulattür (in Sivaganga).

Singanēriyudaiyān kānipparru.—A land in Seyyakuļattūr.

Vañiivūr.

Karkurichchi.-This village in Sivaganga is now spelt Kalkuruchchi.

Ariyankuruchchi.-This is also in the Sivaganga Taluk.

Āraikkuļam.

Arugaśādi. Vīragangappērayan-ēmbal, Vīrapāndiyappērayan-ēmbal, Moliyan-ēmbal, Ambalakkūttan embal. Sittanēmbal and Pannīrāyira-ppērayan-ēmbal, are lands in Āraikkuļam.

Uvaniyamangalam.

Pudaichchānkuļi.—This is a land in Uvaņiyamangalam.

#### Tīyandaikkudi-nādu.

Ugarav.

Kottai.

Sivigaivānkuli, and Udumbandai are lands in the above village.

Ulagarani.-Still bears the same name. It is in the Sivaganga Taluk.

Karaiyūr.

Kunneli.

Mattadakkiyeri.

Sangappēravan-ēmbal.

Puttémbal.-This may be Puttendal in Sivaganga Taluk.

Kalaiyanēri.—This may be Kalıyanēndal in Sivaganga Taluk.

Scakuli.

Orukkorranēri.

Kalvāvilmangalam.

Pullanēri.

Śendaneri.

Nakkanēri.

Pārkuļam.—This is a (Z) village in Śivaganga Taluk.

Uvyān-Sūrivan-ēmbal.

Marudankudi.-This is in the Sivaganga Taluk.

Nāvarkudi.

Kandiyürnädälvän-embal.

Siru-Nakkanēri.

Sūlāmaņi.—Now called Sūdāmaņi in the Sivaganga Taluk.

Purrukkulam.-Now called Puttukkulam in the Sivaganga Taluk.

Siruvaval.

Konraikkulam.-Now called Konnakulam in the Sivaganga Taluk.

Pullamangalam.

Karkuļam.—Now called Kalkuļam (in Śivaganga).

Karumākuļam.—There is one Karunguļam in Šivaganga Taluk.

Evili.

Padaichchankulam.

Pulivankulam.—Still so called. In Sivaganga Taluk.

Pūdikulam.

Vělárkuruchchi.

Vāyttalainallūr.

Kāduvetti.-This is the name of a land in Vāyttalainallūr.

Mānavīramadurai.—This is Mānāmadurai.

Marudür.

Śangan-ēmbal.

Sankaramangalam.-Now called Sangamangalam in Sivaganga.

Tiyanür-Sölaiyeri.—There is a Tiyanür in Sivaganga Taluk.

Kiļānkāttūr alias Puravari-chaturvēdimangalam.—In Sivaganga Taluk.

Mēr-Paśalai alias Śrīvallabha-chaturvēdimangalam.—In Śivaganga Taluk.

Pirandiyeri.—There is a Pirandaikuļam in Sivaganga Taluk.

Kadukkudi.—There is a Kakudi in Sivaganga Taluk.

Sēttalēri.—A dēvadūna of Tiruppasalainādar of Mēr-Pasali alias Śrīvallabha-chaturvēdimangalam,

Tirappu-Sondan-ēmbal.—This may be Sundan-ēmbal in Paramakudi Taluk.

Tattan-ēmbal.—Now called Tattanēndal in Paramakudi Taluk.

Vēmbod-ēmbal.

Pāppāṇ-ēmbal.—There are villages called Pappanēndal in Paramakuḍi Taluk as well as in Sivaganga Taluk. Ediriliśōlappērayaṇ-ēmbal.

Vēlankāl.—A dēvadāna of Śri-Vaikunda-Vinnagar-Aļvār of Mēr-Pasalai alias Śrīvallabha-chaturvēdimangalam.

Kanichchi-ēmbal.

Tirappu Panaiyanëri.-There is a Panaiyanëndal in Sivaganga.

Kil-Veliyarrur.

Mēl-Veļiyārrūr.

Mandaiyürkulam.

Nelvēli.-This may be Nemmēli in Paramakudi Taluk.

Tannilattaraivan-ēmbal.

Somättür.-This is in Paramakudi Taluk.

Aravankudi.

Karungulam.-This is in Paramakudi Taluk.

Ēnāttūr.

Tadāppirai.

Kānchirankuļam.—This is in Sivaganga Taluk.

#### Mērkudi-nādu.

Mērkudi alias Kalijayamangalam.

Mēṇ-Mēṛkuḍi.—Kīla-Mēlkuḍi and Mēla-Mēlkuḍi are villages in the Sivaganga Taluk. Mañjalūr.

Korranēri.—There is a village named Kottankuļam in Sivaganga and Paramakudi Taluks.

Muttūranārottai.—A dēvadāna of Tiruppūvaņamudaiyār.

Annalvāy.-Now called Annavasal in Sivaganga Taluk.

Sundan-ēmbal.—Now called Sundanendal in Sivaganga Taluk.

Narimangam alias Varagandanallür.—There is a village named Nariyendal in Sivaganga Tahuk.

Silaiyanēri.—Silaiyan is a village in Sivaganga Taluk.

Uriyappi, Tali-ēmbal, Korraņēri, Sūriyaņ-ēmbal and Sōmaņēri are lands and tanks in Varagandanallūr.

# Purapparalai-nādu.

Pullanēri.

Kannanur, Lands in-Kannanur is a village in Sivaganga Taluk.

Madalaikuruchchi.

Kīţ-Śeli: Purkarai in it.

Achehankāttirukkai-Milaganur alias Rajendrasinganallur.—Milaganur is a village in Sivaganga Taluk.

Minnēri, Kannikudi, Araiyanēri, and Naduvir-Selikulattu-uļvāy.—These are near Milaganūr.

Mēr-Śeļi.

Kuruchchātti.

Sirukkiļātti.

Puvaninallur.

Ārikudi.

Somanêri.

Tayan-Pūdi-ēmbal.

Sirukijānkāttūr, a dēvadāna of Tiruppūvaņamudaiyār.—There is a village called Kijāngāttūr in Sivaganga Taluk.

Laiuk.

Sirumilagi.

Nerkunram (tirappu).

Kattikkulam.—There is an (I) and (Z) village of this name in Sivaganga.

Perran-ēmbal.—There is a village called Pettanandal in Paramakudi Taluk.

In the lists given above, some official designations are prefixed to a few names of persons. These are: Tiruvāykkēļvi, Sāmudāyam, Māļigaittaņam, Adigāram, Vaļanātņu-kāriyamseygira, Amaittanam and Meyppu. Their commotation may easily be determined from the terms themselves. The compound word Tiruväykkēļvi consists of tiru 'sacred', väy 'mouth' and kēļvi 'hearing' and means 'what is heard from the sacred mouth (of the king)', i.e., 'any royal oral order'. As an official designation applied to persons it means one who hears the reval oral order'. In ancient times, among the king's retinue there were some who bore this designation. And it seems that the duty of this class of officials was to put in writing the oral orders of the king and communicate the same to the Department of the State concerned for being given effect to. In the case of almost all royal orders this becomes the first original document; and on this are based the subsequent orders issued in pursuance of it. Very often we meet with the statement 'nam kēlvi tara-chchonnom' meaning 'we directed the issue of our kelvi (oral order put in writing)'. The word 'kēlvi' is seen sometimes substituted by 'ōlai' (written palm leaf). The receiving officers out of regard for the king termed it tirumandiravolai where tiru (Skt. 57i) denotes 'His Majesty's ', mandira 'council' and ōlai 'document or order'. Thus, its equivalent is "the order of His Majesty in Council'. It is exactly the same as tiruvāykkēļvi. The word samudāya means 'gathering, crowd or a body of people'. From it comes Sāmudāya 'one of the members of the samudāya'. This body may consist of one class of people or be of different classes. In temples also there existed such a body. Probably it was composed of different kinds of servants employed in it. The term Māligaittaṇam may have been used to denote the official in charge of the management of the king's household. It may be rendered into 'Palace Manager'. Adigaram may be taken to mean 'one who exercises power, a maintainer of law'. 'Prakriyā tv=adhikārak' and the explanation 'vyavasthā-sthāpanīyasya' well bring out the sense. Valanāṭṭu-kāryam-śeygira means 'the administrative head of a district'. The sense of the term Anaittanam is well brought out in lines 207-210 of the larger Leiden plates. It denotes the person who, when the boundaries of a village or villages are being circumambulated by the assemblies of the  $n\bar{u}du$  (district or subdivision) in company with the kankāmi (Superintendents), had to go with them mounted on the elephant  $(\bar{u}nai)$  and to point out the boundaries. Meyppu is somewhat difficult to explain definitely. It is not known whether the first letter me is long or short. If long it may indicate that the person who bore this designation was in charge of the feeding of the elephant; and if short, it may denote a police officer. In the name Porru Aravamudaiyān Villi (No. 76 of Appendix A), the word Porru may denote some duty or office which is not possible to be definitely defined now.

#### TEXT.

#### First Plate: First Side.

- 1 Svasti śrī 8¹ Ambhaḥ² pūrvvam³=abhūd=idan=tad-udarē⁴ śētē sma Śēshē Haris=tan-nābhēr=ajanishta patmam⁵=abhavat
- 2 tasmāt svayam Viśvasrit [l\*] tasmād=Atrir=amushya-lōchana-puṭād=Indur=Budhas=tat-sutas=tasmād=āsa Purūravā-
- 3 s=tata imē<sup>7</sup> Pāṇḍyēśvarā jajñirē 6 Svasti srī- Sundarēśād=avagata-samaya[s\*]-sv=ābhi-dhān-āśrayasya grāma-
- 4 sy=āghāṭa-kļiptim<sup>8</sup>prati sapadi<sup>9</sup> nijē vatsarē pañcha-virhśē [l\*] Chaṇḍāmśàv=ātta<sup>10</sup>-Chāpē Kanaka-pati-tithau
- 6 vi vīggiruppa Mēdiņi-mādu nīdiyig-puņara vaya-pPōr-madandai jaya-ppuyatt=iruppa mā-kKalai-madandai
- 7 vākkiņil viļanga=ttišaiy-iru-nāngum<sup>11</sup>=išai-nilāv=erippa Marai-neri vaļara Maņu-neri tigaļa ara-ne-
- 8 ri-chchamaiyangaļ=ārun-talaippa=kkāṇa-vēngaiyai villudan turandu miṇan-Kaṇakā-chalattu
- 9 vīrriruppa eņ-giri śūlnda elu-kadal=elu<sup>12</sup>-polil veņ-kudai-nīlar<sup>13</sup>-chenkō=ṇadappa=<sup>12</sup> kkoduń-

- <sup>2</sup> Read ambhah. <sup>3</sup> In this inscription, wherever rva occurs, v is doubled.
- The letter da of  $dar\bar{e}$  seems to have been inserted in the space between du and  $r\bar{e}$ . It looks like the length sign of  $\bar{u}$ .
  - 5 Read padmam=
- There is a marked preference for the final consonant in this inscription. See also abhavat (l. 1), tat-suta (l. 2) and vatsarē (l. 4).
  - 7 In place of setata imē, A. S. S. I. reads punaratō (?).
- <sup>6</sup> The syllables °sy=āghāṭa-kļiptim have been read as syā(vadhi)kāptim in A. S. S. I. There is no doubt about the reading given in our text. The letter bhi is rare and looks like kara as it must; but it cannot be taken for kā, for the length sign is clearly distinguished in this inscription from ra by the latter being given a tube at the bottom.
  - The letter di is corrected from ti.
  - 10 Vanta is the reading in A. S. S. I. The bottom letter t is slightly damaged.
  - 11 Misai is the reading in most inscriptions, but in No. 417 of S. I. I. (Texts), Vol. V, it is replaced by migai.
  - 12 The reading in S. I. I., Vol. V, Nos. 412 and 417 is \$\vec{e}{l}\$. In this inscription, the letter \$lu\$ is clear.
- 13 Though nilarra is the reading found in Nos. 412 and 417 of S. I. I., Vol. V, our inscription uses nilar both here and in line 12: the short and long i are clearly distinguished. In No. 302 of S. I. I., Vol. V, nilarra is followed by irunkō instead of ienkō.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This sign is used here for punctuation mark. See also line 316. The Archaeological Survey of South India, Volume IV, which will hereafter be indicated by A. S. S. I., actually takes it for visarga from which it is hardly distinguishable.

- 10 Kali nadungi nedum-pilatt=olippa Villavar¹ Sembiyar Virātar Varātar¹ Pallavar tiraiyudan murai murai
- 11 paṇiya iru-nēmiy-alavum=oru-nēmiy=ōṅga iṇṇ-amud=āgiya iyal-iśai-nāḍaga[m\*] maṇṇi valara maṇi-muḍi
- 12 śūdi verpenav=öngiya² vīrasimhāsanattu³=kkarpaga-nīlar=kalai-valōr pugala mannavardēviyar vana-
- 13 ngi-ning-ēttum-anna-men-nadaiy-Avanimulududaiyārodum vīgrirund-aruliya śrī-kō-chChadaivarmma-
- 14 r-āṇa Tribhuvaṇachchakravarttigaļ śrī-Kulaśēkaradēvarku yāṇḍu 13-vadu nāļ nālāyirattu munnūr-
- 15 r-arupadināl<sup>4</sup> Madurodaya-vaļanāṭṭu Māḍakkuļa-kkīl Madurai-kkōyir-palliy-arai-kkūḍat-

#### First Plate; Second Side.

- 16 tu=ppalļi-ppīdam **Malavarājaņil=el**undaruļiy-irundu [Vēdamu]m Sāstramu[m] pō**y** vyākhyātākkaļāy=i-
- 17 rukkuñ=chaturvvēdi-Bhaṭṭargaļ pēr=āyiratt-eṇpadiṇmarku⁵ =ppaṅgu āyiratt-eṇpadum dēvadāṇa-p-
- 18 paṇi-śey-virutti paṅgu nuṛṛ-irupadum āga=ppaṅgu āyiratt-iru-nuṛṛukku=ppadiṇ-muṇṛāvadi-
- 19 <sup>6</sup>n-edir padin-onrām-āṇḍu-mudal brahmadēyam-āga=**kKīraņūr-nāṭṭu** <sup>7</sup>Nakkamaṅgalamum Uḍaiyā-<sup>8</sup>
- 20 r Tiruppūvaņam-uḍaiyār dēvadānam Vāgaikuḍiyum uṭpaḍu° brahmadēyam-āga=kkūṭṭiṇa Tiruvāva-
- 21 ņamun=Tuttiyūrum ¹ºKirungākkōṭṭaiyum=ivv-ūr=¹¹ Kāḍuveṭṭiyum Muṭṭamun= Korraņēriyu-
- 22 n-Tadaiyili-Tiyagiy-embalum Vellattaivenran-embalum Pagavadiy- embalum Na-
- 23 duvir-kottaiyun-Kādan-Etti-kuruchchiyum Panangalur12-nāttu Adikaraiyum Mitti-
- 24 ravāliyum Vēlanguļamum Ōmaļagiyān-ēmbalun-Cholaiyēriyun-Kudainjādiyum-Aru-
- 25 varai-Pudukkuļamuń=Kīṭ¹³-Chūraiyum Mēr-Chūraiyum Piḍārikuļamum Paṇaṅgalūr-āṇa Paṇḍita-
- 26 panjaranallūrum Seyyakuļattūrum Singaņēriyudaiyāņ kāņipparrum Vanjiyūrun=Karku-
- 27 richchiyum<sup>14</sup>=Ariyāṇkuruchchiyum=Āraikkuļamum=Arugaśāḍiyum Vīragaṅga- <sup>15</sup>ppērayaṇēmbalum Vī-
  - <sup>1</sup> Maratar is a variant found in No. 302 of S. I. I., Vol. V.
- <sup>2</sup> Instead of this phrase, vilangiya kadir-oli occurs in No. 302 and vilangiya alone in Nos. 412 and 417 of S. I. I., Vol. V.
  - <sup>3</sup> The sa of sanattu is an interlineation. It is entered below the line.
  - <sup>4</sup> The reading nālu in A. S. S. I., is wrong. The mistake increases the number of days by four.
  - <sup>6</sup> Read <sup>c</sup>rkku. <sup>6</sup> The e sign of ne is engraved at the end of the previous line.
  - 7 Over the letter Na, the i sign is entered and erased.
  - The length of ya is entered at the beginning of the next line.
  - 9 Read utpada.
  - 10 The reading Śirungā° given in A. S. S. I. is wrong.
  - " Read -ūr.
  - 13 The length of  $l\bar{u}$  is here separated from the letter, whereas it is connected with it in line 25.
  - 13 Read *Kīl*.
  - 14 The word kuruchchi is in some cases spelt kurichchi. See lines 77, 166, 236.
- 18 This word may also be read ppōyan. As there is no sign over the letter r, the reading pperiyan given in A. S. S. I. must be considered wrong.

# TIRUPPUVANAM PLATES OF JATAVARMAN KULASEKHARA I.

ii,a.

ii,a.

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# iii,a.

111, G.

111, G.

112, G.

113, G.

113, G.

114, G.

115, G.

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# iii,b.

111,b.

10 111,b.

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- 28 rapāṇḍiyappērayaṇ¹-ēmbalum Moliyaṇ-ēmbalum Ambalakkūttaṇ-ēmbalum Śitta-
- 29 <sup>2</sup>n-ēmbalum <sup>3</sup>Paṇṇīrāyirappērayaṇ¹-ēmbalum=Uvaṇiyamaṅgalamum <sup>4</sup>Pudaichchāṇ kuli[y-ēm]ba-
- 30 lum **Tīyandaikuḍi<sup>5</sup>-nāṭṭu<sup>6</sup>** Ugaray-ōḍu Kōṭṭaiyuñ-Chivigaiyāṇ-kuliyum=Uḍum[ba]ndai-<sup>7</sup>

  Second Plate: First Side.
- 31 <sup>8</sup>yum=Ulagaraṇiyuṅ=Karaiyūruṅ=Kuṇṇēliyum Maṭṭaḍakkiyēriyuñ= Chaṅgappērayaṇ<sup>9</sup>ēmba-
- 32 lum Puttēmbalum Kalaiyaņēriyum Śeńkuliyum=Orukkorranēriyuń=Kalvāyilmań-
- 33 galamum Pullaņēriyuñ=Chēndaņēriyu[m\*] <sup>10</sup>Nakkaņēriyum Pārkuļamum Uyyān Śūriyaṇ-ēmbalu-
- 34 m Marudankudiyum Nāvarkudiyum Kandiyūr-nādāļvān-ēmbaluñ=Chiru-Nakkan-ēriyuñ = Chūlāma-
- 35 [ni]yum Purrukkulamum Siruvayalun=Konraikkulamum Pullamangalamun=Karkulamun=Karumākula-
- 36 mum Eyiliyum Padaichchankulamum Puliyankulamum Pūdikulamum Vēļārkuruch-chiyum Vāy[t\*]talainallū-
- 37 rum ivv-ūj<sup>11</sup> Kāḍuveṭṭiyum Māṇavīramaduraikkuļatt=uļvāyil Marudūṛ<sup>11</sup>-kālukku= kkilak-[ku-pp]ā-
- 38 ¹²ḍagappaḍi nila[m\*] mūṇru-vēliyum uṭpaḍu¹³ brahmadēyam-āga≃kkūṭṭiṇa Marudūr- āna Madurōdaya-chehatu-
- 39 rvvēdimangalamuñ=Changaṇ-ēmbaluñ=Chankaramangalamum Tīyanūr- Sōlaiyōriyun=Kiļānkāṭṭūſr-ā]ṇa
- 40 Puravari-chchaturvvēdimangalam padiņ-mūngāvadiņ-edir pattām-āṇḍuvarai kudippagrāy vanda nīr-nilamun-ka-
- 41 runchey puņšeyum nattamun=tōṭṭamum tiḍalum=ūraṇiyun=kōyil-aḍiyum tiru[na\*]-ndavaṇa[mu]m
- 42 ēmbalum utpatta vilam ettē āru-mā i-nnilam ettē āru-māvum Vīrapāndiyan- kō-
- 43 lāl nīkki nīkki-ppakkattār pagrāy-uļļa nilamum Mēg-Paśalaiy-āṇa Śīvallabha-chehaturvvēdimangala-
- 44 m padiņ-mūņrāvadiņ edir pattām-āṇḍuvarai kuḍiy-irunda jaṇmigaļ parrāy vanda nīr-nilamu-
- 45 n-karunche[y\*] punseyun=nattamun=tõttamun=tidalum Sriköyilgalum tirunandavanamum
- <sup>1</sup> This word may also be read  $pp\bar{o}yan$ . As there is no i sign over r the reading pperiyan given in A.S.S.I. must be considered wrong.

  <sup>2</sup> The  $\tilde{e}$  sign of  $n\tilde{e}$  is entered at the end of the previous line.
- In nirā, there is a correction. The engraver seems to have at first written ra and inserted the length mark afterwards between ni and rā.

  4 Pukai given in A. S. S. I. is incorrect.
  - <sup>5</sup> Kuda, the reading in A. S. S. I., is not right. The word occurs again with the spelling kudi.
- Here and in many more places the letter tu is shaped exactly as the e sign. It is due to the indifference of the scribe.
  - 7 This word has been read Udumavandai in A. S. S. I.
- <sup>8</sup> At the beginning of this line, the A. S. S. I. has kudi of which there are no traces. The first letter is certainly
- The reading periyan given in A. S. S. I. is inadmissible. There is no i sign over r. An alternative reading would be pōyan which does not give good sense.
  - 10 By mistaking na for n, Kakanēri has been made out in 4. S. S. I.
  - 11 Read ūr. Perhaps the writer uses r in place of rk.
  - 12 There is nothing to suspect the letter to be éa as has been done in. A S. S. I. 13 Read utpada.

#### Second Plate; Second Side.

- 46 uṭpaḍa Vīrapāṇḍiyaṇ-kōlāl nilan=nāl-araiyē mukkāṇi i-nnıla[m\*] nāl-araiyē mu-kkāṇi-yun=
- 47 nîkki nîkki-ppakkattārum Maravarum parrāy=uļļa nilamum Pirāndiyēriyun=Kaḍukku-diyum¹
- 48 <sup>2</sup>Mēr-Paśalaiy-āṇa Śrīvallabha-chaturvvēdimangalattu=tTiruppa[śa]lainādar dēvada[ṇa]ñ= Chēṭṭā-³
- 49 lēriyun=tigappu -chChondan-ēmbalun=Tattan-ēmbalum Vēmbod-ē[mbalum] Pāppā-
- 50 n.-ēmbalum Ediriliśōlappērayan. -ēmbalum-Mēr-Paśalaiy-āna Śrīva[l\*]labha-[chaturvvē]-diman-
- 51 galattu Śrī-Vaikunda-Vıṇṇagar-Ālvārku=kkārāṇmaiy=uṭpaḍa=ddēvadāṇa irai[yili vē]ru-muda-
- 52 l Vēlankālun-Kaņichchiy-ēmbalun-kudikkānikku-ttalaimāru viţţa nilamum tira[p]pu Paņai-6
- 53 yanēriyun=Kīļ<sup>7</sup>-Veļiyāggūrum <sup>8</sup>[Mē]l-Veļiyāggūrum Maņdaiyār-kuļamun=Nel-
- 54 vēliyun=Tannilattaraiyan-ēmbalum Somāttūrum Aravankudiyun=Karu[n\*]kuļamum E-
- 55 natturun=Tadappiraiyun=Kanchirankulamum Merkudi-nattu Merkudiy-ana Kalijaya-
- 56 mangalam padin-mūngāvadin-edir pattām-ānduvarai kudippaggāy vanda nīr-nilamuń-ka-
- 57 runche[y\*] puņsseyu{m\*] nattamum=uṭpaḍa Vīrapāṇḍiyaṇ-kōlāl nilam≈iraṇḍē nālumā i-
- 58 nnilam=iraņdē nālu-māvu[m\*] nīkki nīkki-ppakkattār parrāy-uļļa nilamum Mēn-Mērkudi-
- 59 yum Manjalūrun=Korraneriyum Udaiyar Tiruppūvaņam-udaiyar devadana[m\*] Mut-
- 60 tūranārottaiyum Annalvā[yu]m<sup>9</sup>=ivv-ūr[p\*]pār<sup>10</sup>-Chuadan-ēmbalum Narimanramāna Va[ra]-11

#### Third Plate; First Side.

- 61 gandanallūrum ivv-ūrppār12-Chılaiyanēriyum=Uriyappiyum Tāliy-ēmbalum Ko-
- 62 rranēriyum Sūriyan-ēmbalum Somanēriyum tirappu Purapparalai-nāţţu=pPulla-13
- 63 14 nēriyum Kannanūr-karuncheypparrir-kūttiņa nilamum Madalaikurichchi-kkarunchey-
- 64 yum Kīt-Cheli=ppurkaraiyum Achchankāttirukkai Milagaņūr-āṇa Irāśēndiraśingana-
- 65 llurum ivv-urppal Minneriyum Kannikudiyum Araiyaneriyum Naduvir-Cheli-
  - 1 Kakekudi is the reading in A. S. S. I. This is due to the resemblance of du to e sign.
  - The  $\bar{e}$  sign of  $M\bar{e}$  is entered at the end of the previous line.
- <sup>3</sup> The reading nam Sembāṇēri given in A. S. S. I. is hardly possible. At the end of the line, the letter tā is very clear. Owing to scratches over the penultimate t, it seems to have been mistaken for m. As the loops of n are fully developed in this inscription, there is no doubt about the first letter of the next line being !ē and not nē. I have accordingly taken the word to be Sēṭṭāṭēri.
- <sup>4</sup> This word has been wrongly read as tiru in A. S. S. I. Tirappu occurs again in lines 52 and 68 where it has been correctly read.
  - 5 Here again, we have pērayan-ē. The engraver appears to have incised the i sign over r and erased it.
  - The last syllable is nai and not nai as given in A. S. S. I.
  - 7 Here the loop for long i is wanting.
  - <sup>8</sup> For Mē the engraver has written pē.
  - The letter yu of vayum resembles pa. The middle vertical stroke does not seem to have been cut.
  - 10 The reading parttannan-ē of A. S. S. I. is not admissible.
  - 11 The last letter 7a is missing, the plate being broken at the corner.
  - 12 In place of ppar, the A. S. S. I. has Madar.
- 18 Instead of paralai and Pulla, we have Pirasa and Yulla in A. S. S. I. The engraver has written ppu as a group and the group symbol actually resembles yu.
  - 16 The ē sign of nē is at the end of the previous line.

- 66 kkuļatt-uļvāyum Mēg-Cheļiyum Kuruchchāttiyum Širukkilāttiyum Puvaninallūrum Ā-
- 67 rikudiyum Somaneriyum Tayan-Pudi-embalum Udaiyar Tiruppuvanam-udaiyar
- 68 devadanan-Chirukilankatturum Siru-Milagiyum tirappu Nerkunramum Kattikkula-
- 69 mum Perrān-ēmbalum āga ivv-ūrgaļir=paļan-dēvadānam pallichchandam ¹karānmai-
- 70 yāna nilam nīkki nīkkiy-uļļa nilam muņņ udaiyārum palam-pērum Vellān-vagaiy[u]-
- 71 m mudalun=tavirttu oru-nāḍum or-ūrum oru-puravum=ākki Rājagambhīra-vaļanāṭṭu Rājagmbhīra-
- 72 chaturvvēdimangalam=ennun=tirunāmattāl brahmadēyan-cheydaruļi ivv-ūr nān[g]-el-
- 73 laiyun-kankanigaļodun-kuda-ppidi sulndu pidi nadanda ellaikku arav-olai seydu
- 74 kudukkavenru tiruvāymoļindaruļiņamaiyil Puravu[va]ri²-kkaņkāņi Miļalai-kkū-
- 75 rrattu Naduvir-kūrru Śrī-Parantakanallūr-Kattikurichchi-udaiyan Araiya[n\*] Naraya-3

#### Third Plate; Second Side.

- 76 nanum Milalai-kkūrgattu K[i\*]ļ. kūggu Tandalaiudaiyān Pirāntakan Tiruppūvanamudai.
- 77 yanum Alagiyapandiyakkulakkil Maranur-ana Palamandaladittanallur Maranu-
- 78 r-udaiyāņ Karuņākaradēvaņ Purpavaņamudaiyāņum Tiruvāykkēļvi-pPurappara-
- 79 lai-nattu=pPuttur-udaiyan Ponnan Surivadevan-ana Jevadara-pPallavaraiyar ka-
- 80 nkāni Sola-mandalattu Tirumunaippādi-nāttu=kKaruppūr-udaiyān Pillai-Ālvān-āna
- 81 Ponnambalakküttanum Poyyamolidevar kankani Karungudi-nattu Kil-Ne-
- 82 ttur-āņa Kīrtivišālaiyanallur Vēļāņ Šāttaņum sāmudāyam Mutturru-kurrattu-kKa-
- 83 ppalūr<sup>7</sup>-āṇa Ulagaļandaśōļanallūr Kappalūr-uḍaiyāṇ <sup>8</sup>Sirāmaṇ Tiruvuḍaiyāṇ-āna<sup>9</sup>
- 84 Pottappichchölar kankāni Kēraļasinga-vaļanāttu Veļiyārrū[r-u\*]daiyān Nārāyanan Satta-
- 85 num Māligaittaņam Vadatalai-chChembi-nāṭṭu Āykkudiy-āṇa Alagiyapāndiyanallūr10 Sīva-
- 86 llavan Alagiyamanavālan-āna Kālingarāyar kankāni Poliyūr-nāttu Arunkalam-udaiyān
- 87 Arayan Tirumalai-udaiyanum Malavarayar kankani <sup>11</sup>Tiyandaikudi-nattu Kit-Pasalaiyana Dā-<sup>12</sup>
- 88 navinodanallūr-udaivān Arayan Karumānikkamum Pillaiyār Alagapperumāl=adikāra-
- 89 m=Muttūrru-kkūrrattu=kKappalūr-āṇa Ulagaļandaśōļanallūr10-Kappalūr-udaiyān Uvvava-
- 90 ndān Ponnan-āna Mānābaraņa-Mūvēndavēļārum Solapāndiya-valanāttu-chChirupā-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Read kārānmai.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The damage in the syllables cuva seems to have led to the wrong reading ścha in A. S. S. I.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> A bit of the plate at the right bottom corner, enough to cover a letter is broken off. Still no letter is actually missing as is clear from the fact that Nārāya at the end of this face of the plate reads without break with nanum at the beginning of the next face. But at the end of that line where the bit is lost, the letter t seems to have been written and lost and had to be crammed in just to the right of, but below, the ai sign. Had the bit been broken before, t would have found place at the beginning of the second line.

The i sign of ki has not been engraved and the A. S. S. I. has the letter ka correctly.

<sup>\*</sup> There is an extra length sign in la.

<sup>•</sup> The passage after Karuppūrudai seems to have been written over an erasure. The letters at the end clearly retain traces of the prior writing. In the previous line also the damaged condition and the size of the letters from Sūriya to the end suggest the same fact though traces of the old letters are not seen.

What looks like ya at the commencement of this line is the group symbol for ppa.

<sup>8</sup> Read Si.

<sup>•</sup> The last letter na is a correction.

<sup>10</sup> Read °lur.

<sup>11</sup> This word has been wrongly read in A. S. S. I. as Tiyanakai.

<sup>12</sup> The length of  $D\bar{a}$  is engraved at the beginning of the next line.

#### Fourth Plate; First Side.

- 91 laiyūr¹-āṇa Kāvērivallavanallūr-uḍaiyāṇ Nambi Poṇṇambalakkūttaṇ-āṇa Vīraśiṅgadēva-²
- 92 rum i-nnāṭṭukku=kkāri[ya\*]ñ=cheygira Irāśingankuļakkī] Irāśēndirattu Alagiyapāṇḍi-
- 93 yan anukkaril Malaikiniyaningan Alagan-ana Viśaiya-Vichchādiradēvarum kankāniyāga Tī-
- 94 yandaikudi-nāṭṭu Māṇavīramadurai Mādavaṇ Divākara-Baṭṭaṇun³=Nārāyaṇaṇ Nārāyaṇa-Batta-
- 95 num śī(śrī)-Mādavan Nārasimha-Bhattanum Gövindan Tirunīlakanda-Battanum Jātavēdan
- 96 Subrahmanya-Bhaṭṭanum uṭpaḍu⁴ brahmadēyamāga=kkūṭṭina Marudūr-āna Madurōdayachehatu-
- 97 5rvvēdimangalattu=tTirukkudandai Ādityan Sēndapirān-Baţţanum śrī-Krishnan=Alagi-
- 98 ya-Rāghava-Bhaṭṭaṇum Kāliyāyaṇ Veṇṇaikkūtta-Bhaṭṭaṇum Mēṛ-Paśalaiy-āṇa Śrīvallabhachaturvyēdi-
- 99 mangalattu Āhitāgni śrī-Ramganātha-Bhaṭṭa-Sōma-Kāṭhaka-yājiyārum Nārāyaṇan Nārāya-
- 100 na-Bhaṭṭanum śrī-Vāsudēvan Nagnapirān-Bhaṭṭanum śrī-Rāman Paramātma-Bhaṭṭanum Kīt-Paśalai-
- 101 y-āṇa Dāṇaviṇōdanallūr=6Āyaṇ Uyyaṇiṇrāḍuvāṇ-āṇa Sembiyadaraiyaṇum Kēśavaṇ Nārāya-
- 102 nanum Karumānikkan-Korranum Kalvāyil Kēśavanum Periyan Perranum Nanga-
- 103 n=Alaganum Vāsudēvan Sūriyadēvanum Poliyūr-nāṭṭu=pPoliyūr-āṇa Pātti(rthi)vakēśa-
- 104 rinallūr=Appaņ Sūriyadēvaņum Udayaņ Varaguņadēvaņ-āņa Aļagiyapāņdiya-Viļupparai-
- 105 yanum Sūriyan Varantaruvān-āna Sangirāmasinga-pPallavaraiyanum Sundarattoļudaiyā-

#### Fourth Plate; Second Side.

- 106 n Somadevanum Purapparalai-nāṭṭu=kKaļļikkuḍiy-āṇa Puravuvarinallūr?-Dayānilai Uyya-
- 107 vandāņ-āņa Chēdarāyaņum8 Aņukkaņ=Ariyāņum Appaņ-Arumolidēvaņ-āņa Sembiyaņ-Viļu-
- 108 pparaiyanum Puttūr, kilavan Battan-āna Purapparalai, nādu-kilavanum Kānaiy-Irukkaiy=
  Irunchi-
- 109 raiy-āṇa Indirasamāṇanallūṛ<sup>7</sup>-Paliyānilai Sūriyadēvaṇ-āṇa Tamiṇāḍu-kilavaṇum Vēļāṇ= Ira-
- 110 ttaiy-āņa Irāśakunjara-pPallavaraiyaņum Rājagambhīra-chaturvvēdimangalattudan kūţti-
- 111 na Milaganūrku=ttalaimāru kudutta Achchankāţţirukkai-10kKuvalaivēliyum Pudukkulamum Mā-
- 112 rankīrtiyum Kāvidinallūrum<sup>11</sup> Kaḍambamaṅgalamum Śāttiyār-ēmbalum Kāňaiy-Irukkaiy=
- 113 yarkulattil Mandari Irāman-āņa Pallavarāyar kāņiyāņa sempādi nīkki nīkkiy-uļļa nila-
- 114 mum-āga ivv-ūrgaļ muṇṇ-uḍaiyārum palam-peyarum mudalun=tavirtu oru-nāḍum or-ūrum o-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The commencement of this line has been read śalai in A. S. S. I. Of this the first letter śa is really the Tamil numeral 'four' which is the number of the plate and which is cut at the left top corner away from laryūr and slightly below the first line.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The syllables dēva have been read as Tōļa in A. S. S. I.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The letters nNa are expressed by a group.

<sup>4</sup> Read utpada.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The  $\bar{e}$  sign of  $rvv\bar{e}$  is at the end of the previous line.

<sup>•</sup> This word may also be read Arayan.

<sup>7</sup> Read ūr.

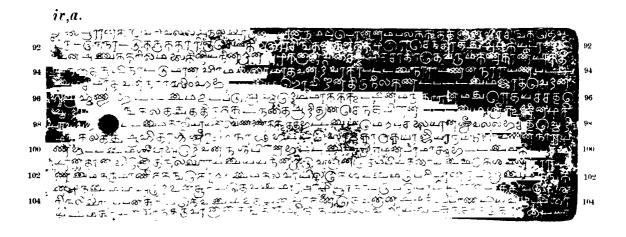
<sup>8</sup> Read Chēdio.

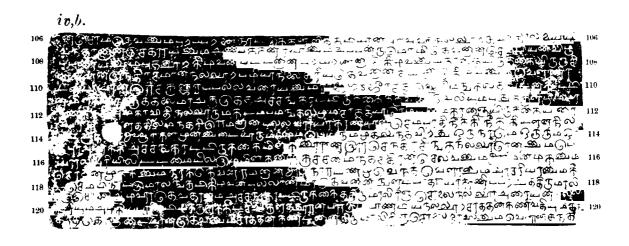
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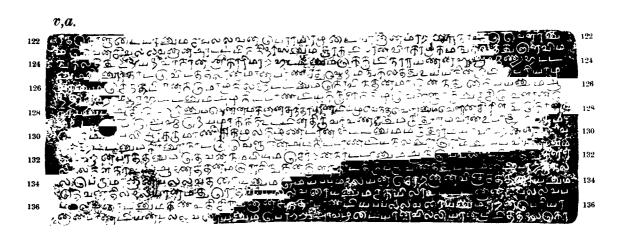
<sup>10</sup> Valaivēli is taken as the name of the village in A. S. S. I.

<sup>11</sup> This has been incorrectly read as Mahāvidhio in A. S. S. I.

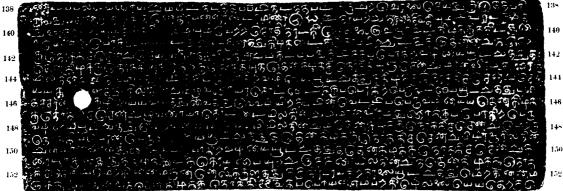
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- 115 ru-puravum=ākki Achchankāṭṭirukkai-Milaganūr-āṇa Irāśēndirśinganallūr-ennum pe-
- 116 yarāl variyil-iţţamaiyil i=mMiļaganūrku¹-chchamainda Sadiran Selvanum Irāman-Alaganum
- 117 Soran Mükkanum Nāgadēvan-Irāman-āņa Irāśanārāyana-Müvēndavēļānum Araśariyānum Kī-
- 118 ţ-Chembi-năţţu Mālanguḍi-kilavan Pullāni Mādēvan-āna Nulambādarāyar kāṇipparrutTirumāli-
- 119 ri²ñchōlai-Āļvār dēvadāṇam Achchankāṭṭirukkai-tTirumā²liriñchōlainallūr Araiyan Pullā-3
- 120 niyum Alagiyapāndiyakkuļakkīţ-Chirukuļattūr-āṇa Parākramapāndiyanallūr-Śāttan Kanavadiyum Sun-
- 121 darattöludaiyān Dēvaņum Śāttan Kandan-āna Tirumālirinchölai²-Dāsanum Vēļān Sunda-

#### Fifth Plate; First Side.

- 122 rattöludaiyānum Šīvallavan Pērāyiramudaiyān-āna Māgaņūr-nāttu Vēļāņu-
- 123 m Dēvaņ Sīvallavaņ-āņa Araţṭamikkidāsaņum Sūrakuḍiy-āṇa Vīrakāmugamaṅgalattu Ilavima-
- 124 ngalattu Udayadivākaran śrī-Kārimāra-Bhaṭṭanum i-kkuḍi Nārāyanan Subrahmanya-Bhaṭṭa-
- 125 num Kīranūr-nāţţu Viḍattal-āṇa Māṇābaraṇa-chaturvvēdimaṅgalattu Uyyaningāḍi Periyāl-
- 126 vānum Sēndapirān Karumāmugil-Bhattanum Gövindan Mānēndukaiyyanum Ā-
- 127 dityan Bhāskara-Bhattanum Alagiyapāndiyakkuļakkīļ Velļūrkuruchchi Vėļān
- 128 Kōvaṇum<sup>5</sup> Ādi Perrāṇum Vēļāņ=Aļagaṇ-āṇa Sundarapāṇḍiya-Mūvēndavēļāṇum Vēļāṇ Sīriļaṅkō[vu]-<sup>6</sup>
- 129 m uṭpaḍu² brahmadēyamāga=kkūṭṭiṇa Tiruvāvaṇattu Marudūr-Ālvāṇ Upāddhyāyarum
- 130 Perumpuliyūr Karumāṇikkam-Ulagamuṇḍāṇ-Bhaṭṭaṇum Marudūr Mayūravāhaṇaṇ Āduvā-8
- 131 n-Bhatṭanum Kīranūr-nāṭṭu Vēļūr-āṇa Alagiyapāṇḍiyanallūr Irāmaṇ=Uyyavandāṇum
- 132 Perrān Pāttaņum Dēvan Nambiyum Śōran Nāṭṭāṇum ≈āga ivv-aṇaivarun=taṅgal e-
- 133 llaigaļ kātta Āņaittaņam Irāśingaņkuļakkīt- Tiruppūvaņattu Pammaņ=Adiyārkunal-
- 134 laperumān-āna Pallavadaraiyanum Meyppu Malaiyan Soran-āna Viñjattaraiyanum
- 135 Devan Tillaiy-ana Madurodaya-pPallavaraiyanum Sikayilaya9-Battan-ana [Si]vallava-p-
- 136 Pallavaraiyanum Kanavadi Šīrāman-āna Sundarapāndiya-pPallavaraiyanum [Ē]ran Periyā-
- 137 n-āna Pāndiyan Pallavaraiyanum Porru Aravamudaiyan Villiy-āna 11 Mudittalaliko-12
  - 1 Read °rkku.
  - 2 Read °lirunchölai.
  - The length stroke of lā is written at the commencement of the next line and is damaged.
  - 4 The number of the plate is engraved on the margin of the left top corner.
  - <sup>5</sup> The left hand portion of the medial  $\tilde{o}$  sign of  $K\tilde{o}$  is written at the end of the previous line.
  - After Perranu the letters are smaller in size up to on Sirilao.
  - Read utpada. The letter du resembles the secondary e symbol.
- <sup>8</sup> The last three letters are  $\hat{A}duv\bar{a}$ . The length sign of  $v\bar{a}$ , which is written at the beginning of the next line, is damaged and looks like  $\delta a$ . The reading  $K\bar{e}\delta ava$  given in A.S.S.I. is inadmissible, for A and va are clear.
  - <sup>9</sup> Instead of Śīkayilāya, the A. S. S. I. has Sidayil-Araya.
- 10 After yanu, there is only one m and the trace of the vowel  $\bar{e}$  following it. As such, the reading m  $M \tilde{a}_I a_R a_R$  of A. S. S. I. is inadmissible. Against the reading it has also to be noted that there is too much space for the length sign of  $M \bar{a}$ .
- 11 Valliyan is the reading in A. S. S. I. It is inadmissible as it disregards the i sign over v and the length symbol after y.
  - 12 The syllables mudi are re-placed by pidi in A. S. S. I.

## Fifth Plate; Second Side,

- 138 nda-pPallavaraiyanum pidi nadatta =ppidi nadandapadikku arav-olai seydu-kudutta pari-
- 139 śāvadu [||\*] Padin-mūnzāvadin-edir pannirandām-andu Dhanu-nāyarru ¹nālān-tiyadiyum apara-pakshat-
- 140 tu ēkādasiyum Šaņi-kkilamaiyum perra Sodi-nāț=Kīl-ellai ivv-ūr vada-kilakku-kKīt-Chū-
- 141 ²raiy-engu pēr kūvappatta Udaikuļattu kīļ-kadai-kkombig-gudangi idaņingun-teg-
- 142 ku nokķi=ohchenru Seyyakuļattūril-ninrum Kadambangudikku=ppogira vaļiyaiy=ūdaruttu=t-
- 143 ten-kilakku nōkkiyun=terku nōkkiyun=ten-kilakku nōkkiyun=chenru Mānavīramadurai-
- 144 yil-ninrum Vēmbangudikku-ppôgira vaļiyaiy-ūdaruttu-kkiļakku nōkķi-chehenru Se-
- 145 yya[ku]lattüril-ninrum Müvaraiyarköttaikku-ppögira peru-valiyaiy=üdaruttu Pu-
- 146 3daichchan-kuliyaiy4 valattu vaittu i-vvaliyir=kūdina vetti-pperu-valiyaiy4 ten-kilak-
- 147 ku nōkki-chchenru Mūvaraiyarkōttaiyil-ninrum Mānavīramaduraikku-ppōgira peru-
- 148 valiyaiy=ūdaruttu mērk=innam [|\*] i-vvaliyil-ninrum ten-kilakku nokki-chchenru mērku
- 149 nökki-ppona peru-valiyaiy-ūdaruttu-tten-kilakku nökki-chchenru Pidavūril-nin-
- 150 rum Manaviramaduraikku=ppogira valiyaiy=ūdaruttu=tten-kilakku nokki-chchenru Ka-
- 151 raiyūr-kulattu=kkīļ-kadai-kkombaiy=urru i-kkaraiyil-ninrun=ten-kilakku nõk-
- 152 ki=chchenru mērk=innam [i\*] Kunnēli-kkuļattukku nīr pāygira kālaiy=ūḍaruttu mērk= innam [i\*]
- 153 i-kkālil-ningun=ten-kilakku nokki=chChangappērayan ēmbar=kīl-ellaiyēy terku

### Sixth Plate; First Side.

- 154 \*nōkkiyun=ten-kilakku nōkkiyuñ=chenru Neṭṭūril-ninrum Māṇavīramaduraikku=ppōgi-
- 155 ra valiyaiy=ūḍaruttu=chChandiranallūr-kuļattu nīr-nakkalē terku nõkki=chehenru i-ch-
- 156 ranallur ten-kadaiyaiy=urru mērk=innam [|\*] ida ninrun=ten-mērku nökki-Vaigaiy-ā-
- 157 na Śrīvallavappērāgrukku-ppōgira vaļiyēy ten-mērku nokki-chchenru mērk-in-
- 158 nam [|\*] i-vvalıyil-ninguñ-Chenkuli-kkil-ellai pegra sevvaiyēy tegku nökki-ch-
- 159 cchenru i-chChenkuli-ttenn-ellaiyey merku nökki-chchenru Orukkorranfelri-[kki].
- 160 | l-ellajy-āṇa Karkulavāy-ūdēy terku nokki-chchenru mērk-iṇṇam [|\*] iv[v-Orukko]-
- 161 rranēri-ttenņ-ellaiyēy ten-mērku nokki-chchenru Vaigaiy-ā[na Šīvallava].
- 162 ppērāgril-igangi mērk-immam [j\*] i-chChīvallavappērāgrin-ūdē vada-mērku n[ōkkiyum]
- 163 mērku nōkkiyuñ=chenru mērk=innam[|\*] ivv-ārril-ninru teņ-karaiyil=ēr[i-tte]-
- 164 rku nokki=chchenru Kīt-Pasalaiy-āna Dānavinodanalļūr kulattukkum Mēr-Pasa[laiy-āna]
- 165 Śrīvallabha-chaturvvēdimangalattu=kkuļattukkum nīr pāygira kālaiy-ūḍaruttu i-kkāļ-[il-niṇru]
- 166 karaiyil=ēri Vēļārkurichchippagril Arasiparr[ilē] . . . . . lāl nilam=a[raiyēy-] iraņdu . . . . .
- 167 varambēy terku nokki=chchenru [Māṇavīramadurai]-kkuļattu vada kadaivil-ēri mēr-

5 The left hand portion of the medial 5 sign is entered at the end of the previous line.

<sup>1</sup> The letters nalonting are written over an erasure.

<sup>2</sup> The ai sign of rai is at the end of the previous line.

<sup>\*</sup> The ai sign of dai is at the end of the previous line.

Delete y at the end of this word.

The letters of a portion of the plate on the right side from line 159 are much damaged but could be filled ap from traces that remain and from the context. So also, the letters of the middle portion of the plate of the last four lines are damaged.

<sup>7</sup> This gap may be filled with the letters pattakkā.

- 168 k=iṇṇam [l\*] i-kkaraiyēy mērku nōkki≈[chcheṇru i-m]Māṇavīramadurai=kkuļatt=uļvāyil Ma-
- 169 [ rudūr]-kuļattukku nīr pāygira kālukku=k[kiļakku]-ppāṭṭamāy-ppayir=ēri va[ru]gira nilattil Rājagam-

## Sixth Plate; Second Side.

- 170 [bhīra]-chaturvvēdimangalattukku=ppāṭṭakkōlāl kūṭṭiṇa nilam mūṇru vē[likku=kkīļ-e]-llai[yē te]¹-
- 171 zku nōkki=chchenru i-kkuļattu=tteņ-karaiyil≈ēri Maru[dūr-kuļattukku nīr pāygira] kālaiy= [urru]²
- 172 mērk=iṇṇam [l\*] i-kkāliņ kīļ-karaiyēy teṇ-kilakku n[ōkkiyun]=terku nōkkiyuñ=[chenru]
- 173 Vāṇagaṅgappēraiyan kuḍiyiruppil teṇṇ-āśarudi ³mudunila-pparippaiy=urru mērk=i[ṇṇam]
  [l\*]
- 174 i-pparippēy kiļakku nōkki=chchenru Marudūr=paļan-kuļatt-agavāyil Māṇavīramadurai=[t]-
- 175 <sup>4</sup>tenn-āśarudi vayalil ten-varambēy kilakku nōkkiyum vada-kilakku nōkkiyuñ=che[nru Ma]-
- 176 rudūr=ppaļan-kuļattu=kkīļ-kadai-kkombil=ēri mērk=innam[]\*] i-kkaraiyē mēr[ku]
- 177 nokki-chchenru Marudur-kkil-ellaiyum Manaviramadurai mel-ellaiyum-[ana]
- 178 Divākara-vāykkāl-ūdē terku nokki=chchenru i-vvāykkāl mudindu Divākara-vayakka[1]
- 179 <sup>5</sup>m[ē]l-varambē terku nõkki=chchenru i-chchey=tten-varambēy kilakku nõkki=chchenrul
- 180 Sundara-vayakkal mēl-varambu perra sevvaiyēy terku nokkizchchengu Sankaraman gala]-
- 181 ttu vadav-ellaiyum Māṇavīramadurai=ttenn-ellaiyum-āṇa ellaiyēy kiļakku nokki-
- 182 kiyum vada-kilakku nõkkiyuñ-chenru Sankaramangalattu vada-kadai-kkombil-ēri Mē-
- 183 r-Paśalaiy-āṇa Śrīvallabha-chaturvvēdimangalattu=kkuļattukkum Kīţ-Paśalaiy-āṇa Dā-
- 184 navinodanallūr-kkuļattukku nīr pāygira kālaiy-urru mērk-innam [|\*] i-kkālin-mē-

#### Seventh Plate; First Side.

- 185 l-karaiyê ten-kilakku nökki-chehenru i-kkālil-ninrum Mēr-Paśalaiy-āna Śrīvallabha-
- 186 chaturvvēdimangalattu=kkuļattukku nīr pāya=ppirinda kālaiy=ūḍaruttu=kKīṭ-Paśalaiyāna Dā-
- 187 navinodanallūr=kuļattukku nīr pāygira kāliņ mēl-karai[yēy] ten-[ki]]akku nokkiyun=ki
- 188 kku nokkiyun=terku nokkiyun=chenru i-dDanavinodanallur=kulattu mel-kadai.
- 189 yaiy=urru i-kkuļattu=ppurkaraiyil=iraigi Mēr-Pasalaiy-āṇa Śrīvallabha-chaturvvēdimangalat-
- 190 tu=kkulattukku nîr pāygira kālin kīl-karaiyē terku nökki=chchenru i-chChīvallabhachaturvvē-
- 191 dimangalattu=kkulattu vada-kadaiyaiy=urru i-kkulattu maruvāy-Idukkārr-ūdē terku nō-
- 192 kkiyun=ten-kilakku nökkiyañ=chenru Nelvēli nattattukku=ppēgira valiyaiy=u-
- 193 mu mērk=innam[1] i-nNelvēli=kkuļattu=kkīļ-kadai-kkombaiy=ēri=pParalai-kkālai-
- 194 y=urru i-kkālin mēl-karaiyē terku nokki=chchenru Nakkaņēriyil-ninru mērku nokki-p-

- <sup>2</sup> The traces at the end of this line and the space available admit only the reading urru and not udaruttu as in A. S. S. I.
  - \* The letter du of mudu is an interfineation. It is entered below the line.
  - The e sign of te is entered at the end of the previous line.
  - <sup>5</sup> The ë sign of më is at the end of the previous line.
  - <sup>6</sup> Delete the first letter ki.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The letters at the right end of lines 170 to 180 are damaged.

- 195 pōgira valiyaiy=ūdaruttu=ttenn-ellai oʻ Nelvēli=ttenn-ellaiyum Eṭṭiyēri nattattu vaḍa-
- 196 vāyum-āna vaļiyēy mērku nōkki=chchenru Ettiyēri natta[t]tu mēl-āśarudiyaiy=urru i-
- 197 da-ningum mērku nokki-chchengu ivv-Ettiyērikkun=Nelvēlikkun=naduvāņa paļan-[kōyıla]-
- 198 diyaiy=urru ida-ninrun=ten-mērku nõkki=chchenru Paralaiy-ārraiy= üdaruttu vadakk= in[nam [i\*] [i-]
- 199 vv-ārrin mēl-karaiyē terku nōkkiyun=ten-mērku nōkki[yuñ]=chenru Sōmāttūr=kī[l-el]-
- 200 laiy-āṇa Nirambaiyūṛ=kuļattukku nīr pāygiṛa kālaiy=ūḍaruttu i-[kkāliṇ] mēl-karaiyē te-1

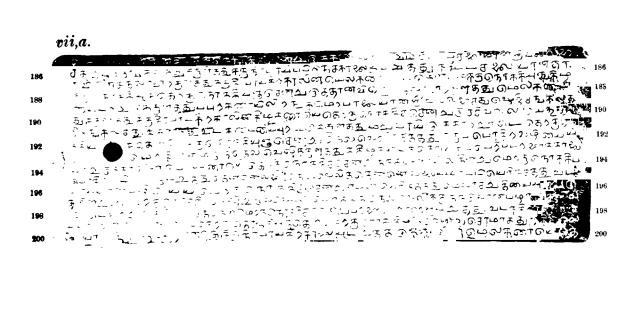
## Seventh Plate; Second Side.

- 201 rku n[ōkki=ch]ch[e]nru i-chChōmāttūrkun=Kallikkudippār-Chiruvāgai[k]kun=
- 202 naduv-āņa ellaiyaiy-urru vadakk=iņņam[]\*] ivv-ellaikku na[du]v-āņa varambē [m]ē-
- 203 rku nokkiyun-ten-merku nokkiyun-che[n]ru i-chChiruvagai-kku[la]t[tu] [vada]-ka-
- 204 daiyaiy=irangi Aravankudi=ttenn-ellaiyē senru [Kallikkudi=kkula]-
- 205 ttukku nîr pāygira kālaiy=ūḍaruttu mērku nōkki=chchenru Ara[vanku]-
- 206 diyil-ningum Vēļāņērikku=ppōgiga vaļiyē teņ-mēgku [nōkki]=
- 207 chchenru Vēļānēri=kkīļ-ellaiyaiy=urru vadakk=innam [\*] iv[v-el]-
- 208 laiyēy Puttūr=kuļattukku nīr pāygira kāliņ kīļ-karaiyēy [vaḍa]-
- 209 kilakku nõkki-chchenru i-kkālaiy-ūdaruttu mēl-karaiyil ēri vadakk-in-
- 210 nam [ \* ] Vēļāņēri vadav-ellaiyun=Karunkulattu=ttenn-ellaiyum-āna [e]-
- 211 llaiyē mērku nokki=chchenru Vēlānēri=chChūrri-vaśakkal=ūrani vada-karaj-
- 212 yēy mērku nökki-chchenru vadakk-innam []\*] ellai naduv-āna varambē se-
- 213 nru Vēļāņēri Ādichcha-vaśakkar=kīl-varambē vadakku nokki=chchenru i-ch-
- 214 chey vada-vara[m\*]bēy mē[rku] nokki=chchenru vadakk=innam [l\*] Vēļāņēri-kKarunda-
- 215 di=kkīl-varambēy [vadakku] nōkki=chchenru i-chcheykkum Ādichcha-vasakkal

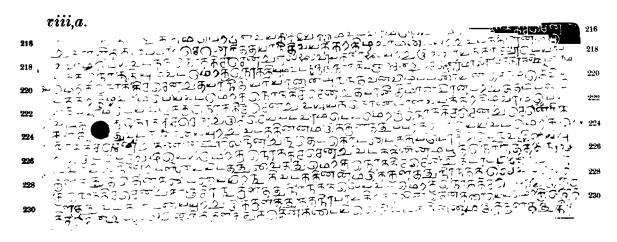
#### Eighth Plate; First Side.

- 216 nāgrankālukkum Pergān-vayakkalukkum vada-varambēy mēgku nokķi=chcheu-
- 217 ru Kaļļikkudippār-Chēņēri-dDayānīti-vayakkar-kīļ-varambaiy=urru vadakk=innam []\*] i-
- 218 vvarambēy vadakku nokki=chchengu ellai-vāykkālaiy=ugu i-vvāykkāl-ūdēy va-
- 219 dakku nökkiyum vada-mērku nökkiyum³ vadakku nökkiyuñ=chenru Śēṇēri Mālār⁴-mukkāņi vada-varam-
- 220 bē<sup>5</sup> mērku nōkki-ehchenru Dayānītiy-Ariyān-āṇa Arundavan-Vilupparaiyan Sōmadēvi-va-
- 221 yakkar=kīļ-varambēy vada-mērku nokki=chchenru Dayānīti Māṇavīraṇ-parru=ttadi palavi-
- 222 n kīļ-varambēy vadakku nokki=chchenru Uyyakkondāļ-vayakkar-kīļ-varambēy
- 223 vadakku nökki=chchenru i-chchey vada-varambey merku nökki=chchenru Seneri=k-
- 224 kuļattu vada-karaiyaiy=urru vadakk=iņņam [1\*] i-kkuļattu=ppurkaraiyēy vada-mērku
- 225 6nōkki=chchenru Kannanūril-ninrum=Dēdakōttaikku=ppōgira peruvali[yai]y=u-
- 226 rru i-pperu-valiyēy mērku nokki-chchenru vadakk-innam [|\*] Pūdanēri-[na]ttattu [va]-
- 227 da-vāyil-ninga puļiyaiy=idattu vaittu mērku nokki=chchenru Tadappiraiy-āna
- 228 kuļattu=tten-kadaiyaiy=irangi vadakk=innam [l\*] i-kkuļattu nīr-nakkalē vada-mēr-
- 229 ku nokki=chchenru Kanchirankulattu nīr-nakkalēy vada-mērku nokki=chchenru i-kku-
- 230 lattu vada-kadaiyaiy=urru i-kkulattukku nīr pāygira kāliņ teņkaraiyēy mērku nōk-
- 231 ki-chchengu Pullanēri-kkuļattu-tten-kadaiyil-ēri vadakk-innam [l\*] i-kkuļattu nīr-
  - <sup>1</sup> The letter da is a correction.
  - <sup>2</sup> This letter has been wrongly read in A. S. S. I.
  - <sup>3</sup> After nokkiyu, the letters are written over an erasure and in smaller characters.
  - <sup>4</sup> The reading in A. S. S. I. is Maralara.
  - <sup>5</sup> The letter be is entered on the margin in smaller character.
  - The left hand portion of the sign of the medial o in no is engraved at the end of the previous line.
  - ! Read Dēva°.

# TIRUPPUVANAM PLATES OF JATAVARMAN KULASEKHARA 1. (111).



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# viii, b.

一年春春町町は日かれは今日かれに本まの方であるのですかる。 ୢୠୡ୕୶ୠ<del>ୖ୶୰ଽ୶୳ଡ଼୕୶ଢ଼ୗଽ୷ଢ଼ୗ୷ଢ଼୕ଢ଼ୢ୷</del>୵୲୷୷୷୷ୠ୷୷୷୷୷୷୷୷୷୷୷୷୷୷୷୷୷୷୷୷୷୷୷୷୷୷ 30年の60年の名の中では、10年の日本では、10年の10年である。 10年の10年では、10年の10年では、10 236 938 でいる。 全のでは、 全のでは、 全のでは、 をいず、 242 ᡛᢋᠵ᠆ᢕᠵᡊᡪᠬᡊᠯ᠌ᠴ᠋ᠣ᠌᠌ᠸ᠌᠗ᡌ᠐ᢆᢛᡆ᠘ᢍᡁᡪ᠆ᢆᢌᠵᡊᢌᠬᡟᢩᢔᡤ᠀ᠳᡈᡆᡅ᠈᠊ᢕᡩᢍᡗ᠅ᡔᢋᢦ ᢢᡆᢅᠵᡢᡧ᠘ᢁ᠌ᡦᠣᡗᡶᡈᡂᡈᡈᢕᡶᠨ᠆ᡣᢩᡌ᠔ᡛᡫ᠘ᡛ᠘ᡣ᠘ᡶᢧᢌᢢᡂᡢ᠇ᡮ᠈ᠵᢇ᠇ᡈᢢᠳ᠘ᢊᢗᡈᢅ᠘ᡶ᠘᠆ᡓ᠘᠆᠆ᢞ ᡊᠯ᠈ᠬ᠈ᡐᡆᠯᢅᡆ᠐ᠻᡈᡛᠣᠨᢅᡊᡒᠬᠳ᠇ᡢᢆᢗᡫᠫᢩᠯ᠐ᡅᡟᢩᢢᡣᢧ᠑᠙᠘᠌᠙ᡬᢩ᠐ᡶ᠋ᢣᢩᡜᢇᢆᢙ᠐ᡩᡆ᠂ᢅ᠀ᠳᠴ᠋ᢤᠬ 246

# ix,a.

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## ix, b.

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#### Eighth Plate; Second Side.

- 232 nakkalē vadakku nōkki≈chchenru i-kkuļattu va[da]-kadaiyaiy=urru i-kkulattukku nīr pāygira
- 233 kālin ten-karaiyē mērku nokki=chchenru Kannanūrku=ppogira peru-valiyaiv=urru
- 234 [va]dakk=innam [\*] i-vvaliyē vadakku nōkki=chchenru Kannanūrku vadav-ellaiyu[m\*]
  Narimanrattu=t-
- 235 tenn-ellaiyum-āṇa Kaṇṇaṇūṛ-Piḍāriyēri Muttaraiyaṇ karuñche[y\*] vaḍa-varambu peṛṛa śevvai-
- 236 yē mērku nōkki=chchenru Madaļaikurichchi=kkuļa-pparippaiy=urru i-kkuļatt=uļvāyē vadakku nō-
- 237 kki-ppattu-kkōl-aļavu šeņru vaḍakk-iṇṇam [†\*] i-kkuļatt-ūḍē mērku nōkki-chchenru Kaṇṇa-
- 238 nūr=kuļattukku nīr pāygira kālaiy=ūḍaruttu mērku nōkki≈chchenru vaḍakku nōkkippōgira Kā•
- 239 navārrukku=kkiļakkāga niņra puļiyai valattu vaittu mērku nökki=chcheņru Kīţ-Cheliy-Udai-
- 240 kula=kkaraiyil=eri i-kkaraiye vadakku nokki=chchenru Minneri=ttenn-ellaiyaiy=urru vada-
- 241 kk=innam [l\*] i-mMinnēri=ttenn-ellaikkum Kīţ-Cheli=kkulattu vaḍav-ellaiyumāy=kKīţ-Cheli=kkula-
- 242 ttukku nīr pāynda kār¹-parippē mērku nŏkki=chcheṇru i-pparippaiy=irangi Naḍuvir-Cheli=kkuļattu Ma-
- 243 laiyaṇ-uḍaippil≈ēri i-kkuļa-kkaraiyē mērku nōkki=chcheṇru i-kkuļatt-agavāyıl²=iraṅgi Milaga-
- 244 nūr=parrāna puņśe[y\*]=kkīļ-ellaiyēy terku nōkkiyun=teṇ-mērku nōkkiyuñ=chenru Milaganūril-
- 245 ningum Kāñaiy-Irukkai=kKoṭṭakīṛṭikku=ppōgiṛa valiyaiy=uṛgu vaḍakk=iṇṇam [.\*] i-kKoṭṭ-akīr-
- 246 ti vaḍav-ellaiyun=Kānaiy-Iru[k\*]kai Vēļāņēri vaḍav-ellaikkum Miļagaņūr=teṇṇ-ellaik-

## Ninth Plate; First Side.

- 247 kun=naduv-āṇa Kadambaṅgudi=kkulattukku nīr pāygira kāl-ūdēy vada-mērku nōkki= chchenru
- 248 1-kkālaiv=irangi vadakku nōkki Mēr-Cheli≈tten-kadai-kkombum Vēļāņēri=ppuņśe[v\*] vada-
- 249 v-ellaiyum-āṇa karai-pparippē vaḍa-mērku nōkki=chcheṇru Miļa[ga\*]ṇūr Śōraṇ Mūkkaṇ puṇśey=
- 250 ttenn-ellaiyē mērku nōkki=chchengu Kāñaiy-Irukkai Karpakīrti=kkīl-ellaiyum Mi-
- 251 lagaņūr-pāl Mēr-Cheli mēl-ellaikkun=naduvāņa ellai-pparippēy vadakku nokki=
- 252 chehenzu Milaganūr=Chundan=Ālvān puņšey=ttenn-ellaiyaiy=urru vadakk=innam [i\*] i-ppu-
- 253 nsey=ttenn-ellaikkun=Karpakīrti vadav-ellaikkun=naduvāga mērku nōk-
- 254 ki=chchengu Karpakirti=ppunsey=kkil-ellaiyaiy=urgu vadakk=innam [1\*] i-ppunse-
- 255 ykkum Milaganūr=puņśey-pparrukkun=naduvāņa vēli-pparippē vadakku nokki-
- 256 yum vada-mērku nokkiyun-chenru Karpakīrti-kkīl-āsarudiyum Milagaņūr Irāmaņ-Alaga-
- 257 n=uluda punséey mēl-āsarudiy=ellaikkun=naduvāga vadakku nokkiyum vada-mērku nok-
- 258 kiyun-chengu Irunchiraiyil-ningum Milaganurku-ppogirga valiyaiy-udaguttu Milaganu-
- 259 r-pār=Chirukiļātti=tteņ-kadai-kkombaiy=urru i-kkuļa-kkarai-pparippēy vada-mē-
- 260 rku nōkki=chchenru Karpakīrti=kkuļattu vada-karaiyaiy=urru vadakk=innam [;\*] i-kkula-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The reading in A. S. S. I. is Kkāra.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Kavāyil is the reading in A. S. S. I.

- 261 ttu=ppurkaraiyē vaḍa-mērku nōkki=chchenru Puvaninallūr puņśey=tteņ-
- 262 n-āśarudiyum Karpakirti=kkaraikkun=naḍuvāga=chChirukkiļātti=kkuļattukku nīr pāynda kā-

## Ninth Plate; Second Side.

- 263 l-ūḍē vaḍa-mērku nōkki=chcheṇru Karpakīrti=kkuļattu=kkaḍai-kkombaiy=ūḍaruttu vaḍakk=iṇṇa-
- 264 m []\*] Puvaninallūr vayalukku=tterkil Valaiyan-ūranikku=tterkil kalar-pparippai valattu vaittu mēr-
- 265 ku nōkki=chchengu Śirukkiļātti=kkuļattukku nīr pāynda Kāṇakaraikku vaḍakku=pPuvaninallūr irukku-
- 266 m idaiyan=Irāśingakkōn=uluda puņśe[y\*]=ttenn-ellaiyēy vada-mērku nōkki=chchenru Karpakī-
- 267 rti=kkulattukku mēl-kadaiyāl nīr pāygira kālaiy=urru 8 Mēl-ellaiy=i-kkāliņ kīl-karaiyēy va-
- 268 dakku nōkki=chchenru Rājagambhīra-chaturvvēdimangalattudan kūṭṭiṇa Milaganūr-[k\*]ku=ttalaimāru kudutta
- 269 Pudukkulattu=kkil-ellai Karpakirti=kkulattukku nir päygira kälin kil-karaiyē vadakku nökki=chchenru
- 270 i-mMiļagaņūrku=ttalaimāru kudutta Māraņkīrti=kkīl-ellai Karpakīrti=kkulattukku nīr pāygira kāli-
- 271 n kīļ-karaiyēy vaḍakku nōkkiyum vaḍa-kilakku nōkkiyuñ=chenru i-kkālaiy-irandu kilakk=innam []\*] vaḍak-
- 272 ku nökki-chchenru Milaganūr-kulattu mēl-kadaiyaiy-urru-kkilakk-innam [l\*] i-kkulattagavāyil-irangi vadak-
- 273 ku nōkki=chchenru Miļaganūrku=ttalaimāru kudutta Kuvalaivēli-pparrukku=kkīl-ellaiyāna Māranēri=
- 274 kkaraiyē vaḍakku nōkki=chchenru Nerkunrattu=ttenn-ellaiyaiy=urru=kkilakk=innam [|\*] i-kKuva-
- 275 ļaivēli=kkīļ-ellaiyun=Nerkunrattu mēl-ellaiyum-āņa karai-pparippēy vada-mērku nõkki=
- 276 chchenru i-nNerkunrattu natta[t\*]tu=ttenn-āśarudiyaiy=urru=kkilakk=innam[f\*] i-nnatta-[t\*]tu=ttenn-āśaru-
- 277 diyê vada-mêrku nökki=chchenru i-nNerkunrattu=kkulattu mêl-kadaiyaiy=urru i-kkulattu nîr-nak-
- 278 kalē Kuvaļaivēli=kkī]-āśarudiyē vaḍakku nōkki=chchenru Mēlśēri=kkaraiyaiy=urru Mēlśēri=kkuļa-ppa-
- 279 rippē vadakku nōkki=chchenru Kaṭṭikkulattu=tten-kadaiyil=ēri i-kkulatt=agavāyil=irangi Milaganūrku=ttalaimāru ku-

#### Tenth Plate: First Side.

- 280 dutta Kadambamangalattu=1kukīl-ellaiyē vadakku nõkki=chchengu Peggān-ēmbagkaraiyaiy=uggu=kkila-
- 281 kk=innam [i\*] vaḍakku nōkki=chchenru Kaṭṭikkulattukku nír pāygira kālaiy=ūḍaruttu Mālaṅguḍi-²kīlavan Pullāṇi-
- 282 Mādēvaņ-āņa Nuļambādarāyar kāņiyāy=tTirumāliruncholaiy-Āļvār dēvadāņa iraiyiliy-Āchchankāttiruk-3

<sup>1</sup> Read kkī l.

Bead kilovan.

- 283 kai-tTirumāliruncholainallūr-tten-ellaiyē kiļakku nokki-chchengu i-tTirumāliruncholainal-
- 284 lūr-ttenn-ellaiyir=tiruvāļi-kkallaiy=idattu vaittu=kkiļakku nōkkiyun=ten-kiļakku nōkkiyun=chen-
- 285 ru Tirumāliruncholainallūr=teņ-kil-mūlaiyir=ttiruvāli-kkallaiy=urru ivv-Irājagambhīra-chaturvvē-
- 286 dimangalattudan kūṭṭiṇa Milagaṇūr=kulattukku nīr pāygira kālin mēl-karaiyē vaḍakku nōkki≈chchenru
- 287 Tirumāliruncholainallūr kīl-ellaiyir=tiruvāļi-kkallaiy=urru i-kkālin mēl-karaiyē vadak-
- 288 ku nõkki=chchenru i-tTirumāliruñchōlainallūr¹ vaḍa-kīļ-mūlaiyir=tiruvāļi-kkallaiy= urru=kki-
- 289 lakk=innam [i\*] Vägaikuḍi=tteṇṇ-ellaiyun=Tirumāliruñchōlainallūr¹ vaḍav-ellaiyum-āṇa i-mMilaga-
- 290 nūr=kuļattukku nīr pāygira kālin ten-karaiyē mērku nōkkiyum vaḍa-mērku nōkkiyuñ≈ chenru i-tTirumā-
- 291 liruñchölainallūr=kuļattukku nīr pāygira kālaiy=ūḍaruttu i-tTirumāliruñchölainallūr vada-mē-
- 292 n-mūlaiyir-tiruvāļi-kkallaiy-urru Aļagiyapāņdiyakkuļakkīļ Šūrakudiy-āņa Vīrakāmuga-mangalattu vadav-e-
- 293 llaiyum Vāgaikudi=ttenn-ellaiyum-āna Milaganūrar -kālin ten-karaiyē vada-mērku nōkki=chchennu
- 294 Udaiyār Tirupptīvaņam-udaiyār dēvadāņam Aļagiyapāņdiyakkuļakkīļ Veļļūrkuruchchi=kkīl-ellaiyum
- 295 Vāgaikudi mēl-ellaiyum-āṇa i-mMilagaṇūrar\*-kālin mēl-karaiyē vadakku nōkki=chchenru

#### Tenth Plate; Second Side.

- 296 i-kkālaiy=ūdaruttu=kKīraņūr-nāṭṭu Vidattal-āṇa Mānābharaṇa-chaturvvēdimaṅgalattu= ttenn-ellaiyai=
- 297 y=urru=kkilakk=innam [|\*] i[vv-e]llaiyē kilakku nōkki=kkalar-parippē śenru Vāgaikuḍi= kkulattu vaḍa-kaḍaiyaiy=ur-
- 298 ru=kkilakk=innam [j\*] i-kkaraiyē Malakku nōkki=chchenru i-kkaraiyaiy=irangi Vāgaikuḍi vadav-ellaiyum Māṇābharaṇa-
- 299 chaturvvēdimangaļattu=ttenn-ellaiyum-āna ellai-varambē kiļakku nōkki=chchenru Vāgai-kudi Mānābhara-
- 300 na-Iśvaram-udaiyār köyilai valattu vaittu ellai-varambē kiļakku nōkki-chchengu Vāgai-kudi=kkula-
- 301 ttil-ninguń=kilakku nōkki=ppōgira ellai-vā[y\*]kkālaiy=uggu i-vvā[y\*]kkālin vaḍa-varambē kilakku nōkki=chche-
- 302 nru i-vvā[y\*]kkālaiy=irandu Vāgaikudi=pparril Ariyāļ-vayakkal vada-varambum Māṇā-bharaṇa-chaturvvēdimanga-
- 363 lattu=ppaggāṇa Uyyavandāļ-vayakkal teņ-varambum-āṇa varambē kilakku nökki=chchengu Nakkamangala-
- 304 ttu=kkuļattukku nīr pāygira kālai[y=urru] i-ķķāliņ mēl-karaiyē vadakku nōkkiyum vadamērku nōkkiyum va-

<sup>1</sup> Read onallur.

<sup>3</sup> Read "nurur.

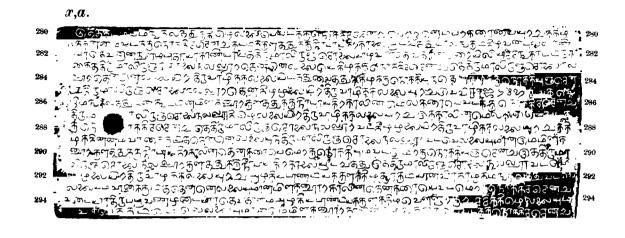
- 305 da-kilakku nōkkiyuñ=chengu Tuttiyūr=kulattu mēl-kadaiyaiy=aduttu i-kkālin mēlkaraiyē vadakku
- 306 ¹nõkkiyum vada-kilakku nõkkiyum vada-mērku nõkkiyuñ=chenru Tiruvāvanattu Arai-mākkūrru=ttenn-e-
- 307 llaiyum Māṇābhara[ṇa\*]-chaturvvēdimangalattu vaḍav-ellaiyum-āṇa ellai-varambē mēṛku nōkki-chchenṛu Mā-
- 308 nābharaṇa-chaturvvēdimaṅgalattu=kkuļa-kkaraiyaiy=urru=kkilakk=iṇṇam [|\*] i-kkulattu=ppurkaraiyē vaḍakku nōkki=
- 309 chchengu Araimākkūrgu=chChiggēmbag=karaiyaiy=uggu ivv-ēmbag=ten-karaiyē mēgku nōkki=chche-
- 310 nru Milaganūr kulattukku nīr pāygira kālaiy=ūdaruttu i-kkālin mēl-karaiyē vadakku nokkiyum vada-mēr-

#### Eleventh Plate: First Side.

- 311 ku nõkkiyuñ=chengu i-kkālaiy=igangi i-kkāliņ kīļ-karaiyil=ēgi Araimāk[kū]ggu ēmbalil nîr-nakkalē
- 312 vadakku nõkki-chchenru Tuttiyür-kulattukku nir päygira kälaiy-üdaruttu Udaiyär Tiruppüvanam-udaiyär
- 313 dēvadāņam=Aļagiyapāņdiyakkuļakkīļ Veļļūrkuruchchi=kkīl-ellaiyun=Tiruvāvaņattu mēlellaiyum-āṇa Ka-
- 314 navadi-vayakkal mēl-varambē vadakku nokki=chchengu i-kKanavadi-vayakkalil vadamēlai-mūlaiyil Vāykaṭṭā-
- 315 tturavai valattu vaittu Tiruvāvaņattu=kkālaiy=ūḍaruttu Veļļūrkuruchchi=kkīļ-ellaiyun=Tiruvāvaņattu
- 316 mēl-ellaiyum-āṇa ellaiyē vaḍakku nōkki=chchengu Vaigaiy-āṇa Śrīvallabhappērāggil= igangi / Vaḍav-e-
- 317 llai i-Vaigaiy-āṇa Śīvallavappērārr-ūḍē kilakku nōkki=chchenru ivv-ārril-ninrum Paṇaṅ-galūr-kuļa-
- 318 ttukku nī[r\*] pāygira kāliņ vada-karaiyil=ēri i-kkaraiyē kilakku nōkki=chchenru Kala-valmādaņ-ārril=irań-
- 319 gi ivv-ārrin-ūdēy vadakku nokki=chchenru Idaikkāṭṭūril-ninrum Vēmbangudikku=ppōgira va-
- 320 liyaiy=urru kīļ-karaiyil=ēri=tterk=iṇṇam [+\*] i-vvaliyē vaḍa-kilakku nōkki=chcheṇru i-kKalavalināḍaṇ-ārril-
- 321 niņŗnñ-Cheyyakuļattūr=kuļattukku nīr pāygira kālaiy=ūḍaruttu i-vvaļiyēy vaḍa-kiļakku nōkki-chehenru Adika-
- 322 rai=kkuļań-karaiyil=ēŗi i-kkaraiyē vaḍa-mēŗku nōkki=chchenŗu i-kkuļattu vaḍa-kaḍaiyum Āykuḍi=ttenṇ-e-
- 323 llaiyaiyum=urru=tterk=innam [|\*] ivv-ellaiyêy kilakku nökki≈chchenru Vēlaigudi nattattu vadavāyêy
- 324 śengu i-v[Vēlangudi]=kkuļattu mēl-kadaiyaiy=urru=tterk=innam [I\*] ida-ninrum vada-kiļakku nōkki=chchen-
- 325 ru Kudanjādi mēl-ellaiyaiy=urru ivv-ellaiyēy vadakku nōkkiyum vada-[ki]akku] nōk- [kiyun]=chenru
- 326 Kudanjādi=kkulattu mēl-kadai-kkombaiy=urru=tterk=innam []\*] ida-nin[rum] vada-kilakku nōkki=chchenru

 $<sup>^1</sup>$  The left hand portion of the medial  $\tilde{\sigma}$  sign is entered in the previous line.

# TIRUPPUVANAM PLATES OF JATAVARMAN KULASEKHARA I. (IV).

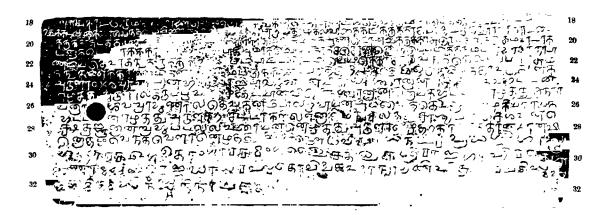


# TIRUPPUVANAM SUPPLEMENTARY PLATE.

### First Side



### Second Side.



#### Eleventh Plate; Second Side.

- 327 Sundankuruchchi=ttenn-ellaiyum=i-kKudanjadi vadav-ellaiyum-ana i-kkulattu nir-nakkale-
- 328 y kilakku nökkiyum ten-kilakku nökkiyun=chenru i-kkulattukku=kkil-kadaival nir pä-
- 329 ygira kālaiy=ūḍaruttu=tten-kiļakku nokki=chchenru Vēlūr-Širukudi Idaikkāttūril=ninrum
- 330 Vēmbangudikku=ppōna vaļiyaiy=ūdaruttu=kkiļakku nōkki=chchenru Kāṭṭu-tteyvam-enrum Pidā-
- 331 rikuļam-eņrum pēr kūva[ppa]ṭṭa¹ Uḍaikuļatt≈agavāyēy kiļakku nōkki=chcheṇṛu i-kkuļattu=kkīl-
- 332 kadaiyil=ēri=tten-kilakku nökki=chchenru Kīranūrnādāļvānköttai-ppakkattāna Sem[be]rum-
- 333 ān uļuda puņšeyyai valattu vaittu=kkiļakku nōkkiyun=teṇ-kiļakku nōkkiyuñ=chenru Seyyakuļa-
- 334 ttūril-ningum Vēmbangudikku≖ppōgira valiyaiy=ūḍaguttu=kkilakku nōkki=chchenru Seyyakula-
- 335 ttūr=kuļangaļukku nīr pāya Muttaņ=Āļvāṇ-āṇa Sundarapāṇḍiya-Mārāyaṇ kalluvitta kālaiy=ūdaruttu-
- 336 kkilakku nōkkiyum vaḍa-kilakku nōkkiyuñ=chengu Mēr-Chūrai Uḍaikulatt=agavāyēy kilakku nōkki=ch-
- 337 chengu Kīţ-Chūrai=kkuļatt=agavāyēy kiļakku nōkki=chchengu i-kkuļattu=kkīļ-kaḍai-kkombil ēri
- 338 munbu tudanginav=idattu =ppidi ningadu [:\*] Ivv-agav-ōlai eludinēn ²ivai Puravuvarikkankāni Milalai-kkūr-
- 339 rattu Naduvir-kūrru śrī-Parāntakanallūr=3Kattikuruchchi-udaiyān Araiyan Nārāyananeluttu [\*] Ivai² Pu-
- 340 ravuvari-kkaņkāņi Miļalai-kkūrrattu=kKīļ-kūrru=tTaņḍalaiy=uḍaiyāņ Pirāntakaņ Tiruppūvaņam-uḍaiyāņ=e-
- 341 luttu [:\*] Ivai<sup>2</sup> Puravuvari-kkaņkāņi Alagiyapāņdiyakkulakkīl Perumāraņūr-āņa Palamaņdalādichchanallūr=Ka-
- 342 ruņākaradēvaņ Purpavaņam-udaiyāņ=eļuttu [1\*] Ivai<sup>2</sup> Tiruvāykkēļvī Jayadara-pPallavarayar kaņkāņi Tirumu-
- 343 naippādi-nāṭṭu Karuppūr-uḍaiyān Piḷḷaiy-Ālvān Ponnambalakkūttanēn ivai² enn=eluttu

#### TRANSLATION.

(Verse 1)—Hail! Prosperity! There was at first this water. In its centre (lit. inside), there lay, on the serpent (Sēsha)-couch, Hari. From his navel came forth a lotus; and from it, by himself, the creator of the universe (Viśvasrit) came; from him Atri; and from the cavity of his eyes, the Moon; his son was Budha; from him was born Purūravas; and thence came these Pāndya lords.

(Verse 2)—Hail! Prosperity! Having ascertained the (proper) time from Sundarēśa, (king) Rājagambhīradēva, in the twenty-fifth year of his reign, on the day of Svātī combined with Saturday (Ārkki-vāra) in the dark fortnight, and on the tithi of Kanakapati (i.e., ěkādasī), when the hot-rayed (Sun) was in the sign Dhanus, ordered to conduct immediately the female elephant to fix the boundaries of the village called after his own name.

(Line 5) The goddess of the flower (i.e., Lakshmi) lovingly taking her seat and the goddess of the earth lawfully uniting with him; the goddess of war resting on his victorious shoulders; the goddess of the great arts shining on his tongue: the moon-light of his fame shedding its lustre in the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The letters ppa look like ya.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The syllables ivai are written as a group.

<sup>8</sup> Read r-Katti.

twice-four quarters; the path of the Vēdas (marai) expanding; the path of Manu clarifying the six righteous doctrinal ways and spreading out; the fish (emblem of the Pāṇḍyas) securely seated on the golden mountain, driving off the forest tiger (emblem of the Chēra); the white parasol (of his) affording shade to the seven seas and the seven sporting gardens surrounded by the eight hills; his righteous sceptre swaying; the fierce Kali (age) concealing itself with tremour in long caverns; the Villavar (i.e., the Chēra), Sembiyar (i.e., the Chōla), Virāṭar, Varāṭar and the Pallavar, paying due obeisance in regular succession with (their) tributes; his single wheel rising aloft over the two globes; the sweet and nector-like iyal, iśai and nāṭakam (i.e., prose, poetry and drama) steadily increasing; wearing the crown and sitting on the mountain-like high lion throne,—his eulogy being sung by able masters of arts,—along with his queen Avanimulududaiyāl, who resembled the swan in gentle gait and who was praised and bowed to by queens of kings; the glorious king Jaṭāvarman alias the Emperor of the three worlds, the illustrious Kulaśākharadēva reigned.

Whereas, while the king was pleased to be seated on the reclining couch called Malavarājan in the hall of his palace at Madurai situated in (the sub-division) Māḍakkuļakkiļ of Madu;
rōdaya-vaļanāḍu, he had ordered that a village consisting of one thousand and two hundred
shares should be formed and given as brahmadēya, with effect from the eleventh year opposite the
thirteenth,—one thousand and eighty shares to one thousand and eighty Brāhmaṇas learned in
the Vēdas and Śāstras and capable of expounding them, and one hundred and twenty shares as
dēradāna and for those who had to do service;

- (Ll. 69-72) and whereas the village of Rājagambhīra-chaturvēdimangalam, called (as such) after the sacred name of the king and included in Rājagambhīra-vajanādu, was formed in pursuance of this said order by taking up the undermentioned villages, excluding from them the lands which formed old dēvadānas, pallichchandam and kārānmai, and including the rest,—and removing their previous owners, old names and the classification under vellān-vagai, as well as the prior holdings,— and bringing them all under one village with one puravu and one nādu.
- (Ll. 72-74) and whereas the king had been pleased to say that the four boundaries of this (new) village may be circums mbulated with the female elephant in the presence of the superintendents appointed for the purpose, and, for the boundaries thus passed through, a deed may be drawn up and given,

the following is recorded on the thirteenth year and four thousand and three hundred and sixtieth day.

- (Ll. 19 to 69) The villages and lands taken up are:-
- (1) In Kīranūr-nādu,—the villages of Nakkamangalam and Vāgaikudi, (the latter) a dēvadāna of Udaiyār Tiruppūvaņamudaiyār; (2) including the above (two villages), the villages of Tiruvāvaņam, Tuttiyūr, and Kirungākköttai (with its lands called) Kāduveṭṭi, Muṭṭam, Koṛraṇēri, Taḍaiyili-Tiyāgi-ēmbal, Vellattaiveṇrāṇ-ēmbal, Pagavadi-ēmbal, Naḍuvirkōṭṭai and Kāḍaṇ-Eṭṭi-kuṇuchehi; (3) in Paṇaṅgalūr-nādu,—the villages of Adikarai, Mittiravāli, Vēlaṅgulam with its land Omalagiyāṇ-ēmbal, Sōlaiyēri, Kuḍañjādi, Aruvarai-Pudukkulam, Kīṭ-Chūrai, Mēṛ-Chūrai, Piḍārikulam, Paṇaṅgalūr alias Paṇditapañjaranallūr, Seyyakulattūr with its land Siṅgaṇēriyuḍaiyāṇ-kāṇipparru, Vañjiyūr, Karkuruchehi, Ariyāṇkuruchehi, Āraikkulam with its lands Arugaśāḍi, Vīragaṅgappērayaṇ-ēmbal, Vīrapāṇḍiyappērayaṇ-ēmbal, Moliyaṇ-ēmbal, Ambalakkūṭtaṇ-ēmbal, Sittaṇ-ēmbal and Paṇṇīrāyirappērayaṇ-ēmbal, Uvaṇiyamaṅgalam and its land Pudaichaḥāṇkuliy-ēmbal; (4) in Tīyandaikudi-nādu,—the villages of Ugaray and Kōṭṭai with the lands Sivigaiyāṇkuli and Uḍumbandai, Ulagaraṇi, Karaiyūr, Kuṇṇēli, Maṭṭaḍakkiyēri with its lands Saṅgappērayaṇ-ēmbal, Puttēmbal, Kalaiyaṇēri, Seṅkuli and Orukkorṛaṇēri, Kalvā-yilmaṅgalam, Pullaṇēri, Sēndaṇēri, Nakkaṇēri, Pāṛkulam with its land Uyyāṇ-Sūriyaṇ-ēmbal,

Marudankudi, Nāvarkudi with its land Kandivūr-nādāļvān-ēmbal, Širu-Nakkanēri, Šūlāmaņi, Pugrukkulam, Siruvayal, Kongaikkulam, Pullamangalam, Karkulam, Karumākulam Eyili, Padaichchankulam, Puliyankulam, Pūdikulam, Vēlārkuruchchi, Vāyttalainallūr and the land Kāduvetti of this (last mentioned) village; (5) inclusive of three velt of land, according to padagam, situated to the east of the channel passing to Marudur and lying within the tank of Manaviramadurai, the following being added to the brahmadēya, viz., Marudūr alias Madurodaya-chaturvēdimangalam with the land Sangan-ēmbal, Sankaramangalam and Tīyanūr-Sōlaiyēri; (6) in Kiļānkāṭṭūr alias Puravarichaturvēdimangalam, excluding eight ( $v\bar{e}li$ ) and six  $m\bar{a}$  of land, as measured by the rod Vīrapāndiyankol, consisting of nīr-nilam, karuñchey, puņšey, nattam, toļtam, tidal, ūraņi, koyiladi, tirunandavanam and ēmbal, which had been the kudipparru, up to the tenth year opposite the thirteenth, all the rest of the lands which had been owned by the adjacent people; (7) in Mēr-Paśalai alias Śrīvallabha-chaturvēdimangalam, excluding four and a half ( $v\bar{e}li$ ) and three  $k\bar{a}vi$ , as measured by the rod Vīrapāndiyankāl, consisting of nīr-nilam, nattam, karunchey, puņšey, tottam, tidal, Šrīkoyil, tirunandaranam, etc., which, up to the tenth year opposite the thirteenth, had been the holding of the jammis that were residing there, the rest of the lands which were held by the adjacent people and the Maravas, as well as Pirāndiyēri and Kaḍukkuḍi ; and also the dēvadāna lands of the temple of Tiruppasalaināthar at Mēr-Pasalai alias Šrīvallabha-chaturvēdimangalam, viz., Šēttāļēri, tirappu Sondan-ēmbal, Tattan-ēmbal, Vēmbod-ēmbal, Pāppān-ēmbal, Ediriliśolappērayan-ēmbal; also the lands called Vēlankāl, Kanichchiy-ēmbal and the land given in exchange for kudikkāņi which had been classed under the different head of dēvadāņa-iraivili and whose kārāṇmai belonged to the temple of Šrī-Vaikunda-Viṇṇagar-Āļvār of Mēg-Paśalai alias Śrīvallabha-chaturvēdimańgalam ; as also tirappu Paņaiyaņēri, Kīļ-Veļiyārrūr, Mēl-Veļiyārrūr, Maņdaiyārkuļam, Nelvēli with its land Tannilattaraiyan-ēmbal, Somāttūr, Aravankudi, Karunkulam, Ēnāttūr, Tadappirai and Kānchirankulam; (8) in Mērkudi alias Kalijayamangalam in Mērkudi-nādu, excluding two ( $v\bar{e}b$ ) and four  $m\bar{a}$  of land, as measured by the rod Vîrapāndiyanköl, which up to the tenth year opposite the thirteenth, were held by ryots and consisted of nir-nilam, karunchey, punsey, nattam, etc., the rest of the lands owned by the adjacent people; as also the villages Mēn-Mērkudi, Mañjaļūr and Kograņēri; also Muttūranārottai which was the dēvadāna of the temple of Udaiyār Tiruppūvaņamudaiyār; as well as Annalvāy with Sundan-ēmbal near that village, Narimanram alias Varagandanallur together with the lands near that village, viz., Šilaiyanēri, Uriyappi, Tāliyembal, Korraneri, Süriyan-embal and Somaneri; (9) in tirappu Purapparalai-nadu,—Pullaneri, the lands that were added to the karuficheyparru of Kappanur, the karufichey of Madalaikuruchchi. the purkarai (i.e., the grassy bank) of Kīl-Śeli, Achchankātţirukkai-Milaganūr alias Rājēndrasinganallur together with Minneri near that village, Kannikudi, Araiyaneri, the lands within the tank of Naduvir-Cheli, Mēr-Cheli, Kuguchchātti, Širukkiļātti, Puvaņinallūr, Ārikudi, Somanēri and Tāyan-Pūdi-ēmbal; also Širukiļānkāttūr which (last) was a dēvadūna of Udaiyār Tiruppūvaņamudaiyār; as well as Širu-Milagi, tirappu Nerkungam, Kattikkulam and Perrān-ēmbal.

(Ll. 74-139) The puravuvari-kankāni officers Araiyan Nārāyanan of Kattikuruchchi residing in Srī-Parāntakanallūr in Naduvir-kūrgu (a sub-division) of Milalai-kūrgam, Parāntakan Tiruppūvaņamudaiyān of Tandalai in Kīl-kūrgu (a sub-division) of Milalai-kūrgam, Māranūrudaiyān Karunākaradēvan Purpavanamudaiyān of Māranūr alias Palamandalādittanallūr in Alagiyapāndiyakkuļakkīl, Pillai Ālvān alias Ponnambalakkūttan of Karuppūr in Tirumunaippādi-nādu (a sub-division) of Sōlamandalam, who was the kankāni of the tiruvāykkēļvi Ponnan Sūryadēvan alias Jayadhara-Pallavaraiyar of Puttūr in Purapparalai-nādu, Vēļān Sāttan of Kīl-Nettūr alias Kīrtivišālaiyanallūr in Karungudi-nādu who was the kankāni of Poyyāmolidēvar, Nārāyanan Sāttan of Veliyārrūr in Kēralašinga-vaļanādu who was the kankāni of the smudāyam Kappalūrudaiyān Srīrāman Tiruvudaiyān alias Pottappichchōlar of Kappalūr alias Ulagaļandašōlanallūr in

Mutturru-kurram, Arayan Tirumalai-udaiyan of Arunkalam in Poliyur-nadu who was the kankana of the māligaittaņam Šīvallavaņ Aļagiyamaņavāļaņ alias Kālingarāyar of Āykkudi alias Aļagiyapāṇḍiyanallūr in Vaḍatalai-Sembi-nāḍu, Arayan Karumāṇikkam of Kīṭ-Paśalai alias Dānaviṇōdanallūr in Tīyandaikudi-nādu who was the kankāni of Malavarāyar, Kappalūrudaiyān Uyyavandāņ Ponņaņ alias Māṇābharaṇa-Mūvēndavēļār of Kappalūr alias Ulagaļandašēļanallūr in Muttūrru-kūrram who was the adigāram of Pillaiyār Alagapperumāl, Udaiyān Nambi Ponnambalakkūttan alias Vīrašingadēvar of Sirupālaiyūr alias Kāvērivallavanallūr in Solapāndiya-vaļanādu, Malaikiniyaningan Alagan alias Vijaya-Vichchadiradevar who was one of the anukkar of Alagiyapāṇḍiyan of Rājēndiram in Irāśingankuļakkīļ that was in charge of the business of this (i.e., the said) nādu, all these being the kankāni, the undermentioned persons of Mānavīramadurai in Tīyandaikudi-nādu, viz., Mādavan Divākara-Baṭṭaṇ, Nārāyaṇan Nārāyaṇa-Baṭṭaṇ, Śī(śrī)-Mādavaṇ Nārasimha-Bhaṭṭaṇ, Gōvindaṇ Tirunīlakaṇṭa-Baṭṭaṇ and Jātavēdaṇ Subrahmaṇya-Bhaṭṭaṇ; together with the following others of Marudūr alias Madurōdaya-chaturvēdimangalam who were concerned in the formation of the brahmadēya, viz., Tirukkuḍandai Ādityan Śēndapirān-Baṭṭan, śrī-Krishnan Alagiyarāghava-Bhattan and Kāliyāyan Vennaikkūtta-Bhattan; as also the undermentioned residents of Mēr-Paśalai alias Śrīvallabha-chaturvēdimangalam, viz., Āhitāgni Śrīranganātha-Bhaṭṭa-Sōma-Kāṭhaka-yājiyār, Nārāyaṇan Nārāyaṇa-Bhaṭṭaṇ, śrī-Vāsudēvaṇ Nagnapirān-Bhattan and śrī-Rāman Paramātma-Bhattan; as well as the residents of Kit-Pasalai alias Dāṇaviṇōdanallūr, viz., Arayan Uyyaninrāduvān alias Sembiyadaraiyan Kēśavan Nārāyanan, Karumānikkam Korran, Kalvāyil Kēśavan, Periyān Perrān, Nangan Alagan and Vāsudēvan Sūriyadēvan; the following residents of Poliyūr alias Pārthivakēsarinallūr in Poliyūr-nādu, viz., Appan Sūriyadēvan, Udayan Varagunadēvan alias Alagiyapāndiya-Vilupparaiyan, Sūriyan Varantaruvān alias Sangirāmasinga-Pallavaraiyan and Sundarattēļudaiyān Sēmadēvan; the undermentioned residents of Kallikkudi alias Puravuvarinallūr in Purapparaļai-nādu, viz., Dayānilai Uyyavandān alias Chēdirāyan, Anukkan Ariyan and Appan Arumolidēvan alias Sembiyan-Vilupparaiyan and the headman of Puttūr named Baṭṭan alias Purapparalainādu-kilavan; also Paliyanilai Suriyadevan alias Taminadu-kilavan of Irunchirai alias Indirasamananallur in Kanai-Irukkai and Vēļān Irattai alias Rājakunjara-Pallavaraiyan; also the persons hereunder mentioned who belonged to Milaganūr, to wit, Sadiran Selvan. Rāman Alagan, Sōran Mūkkan, Nāgadēvan Rāman alias Rājanārāyana-Mūvēndavēļān and Arasariyān, who were concerned in effecting the entry in accounts under the name of Achchankāṭṭṭrukkai-Milagaṇūr alias Rājēndraśinganallūr, after removing the previous owners, old names and prior holdings (mudal) and bringing also under one nādu, one village and one puravu the undermentioned villages and lands, viz., Achchankāṭṭirukkai-Kuvaļaivēli, Pudukkuļam, Māraņkīrti, Kāvidinallūr, Kadambamangalam, Sāttiyār-ēmbal and the lands that remained in Araiyarkulam of Kāñai-Irukkai after deducting from it the portion (sempādi) which formed the kāṇi of Mandari Rāman alias Pallavarāyar and which had been given in exchange for (the old) Milaganūr that had been added to Rājagambhīra-chaturvēdimangalam; Araiyan Pullāņi of Achchankāttirukkai-Tirumālirunjolainallūr a dēvadāna of Tirumālirunjolai-Āļvār that had the kāṇipparru of Pullāṇi Mādēvaṇ alias Nuļambādarāyar the headman of Mālaṅgudi in Kīt-Sembi-nādu; also the undermentioned persons of Sirukuļattūr alias Parākramapāṇḍiyanallūr in Alagiyapāṇḍiyakkulakkīl, viz., Śāttaṇ Kaṇavadi, Sundarattōluḍaiyāṇ Dēvaṇ, Sattan Kandan alias Tirumālirunjolai Dāsan, Vēļān Sundarattoļudaiyān, Sīvallavan Pērāyiramudaiyān alias Māranūrnāttu-Vēļān and Dēvan Sīvallavan Arattamikki-Dāsan; also Udayadivākaran śrī-Kārimāra-Bhattan of Ilavimangalam, the resident of Śūrakudi alias Vīrakāmugamangalam, and Nārāyaṇaṇ Subrahmaṇya-Bhaṭṭan of this (same) kudī; also the undermentioned persons of Vidattal alias Māṇābharaṇa-chaturvēdimangalam in Kīraṇūr-nāḍu, viz., Uyyaniṇṛāḍi Periyālvāņ, Sēndapirāņ Karumāmugil-Bhaṭṭaṇ, Gōvindaṇ Māṇēndukaiyyaṇ and Ādityaṇ BhāskaraBhatṭan; also the undermentioned persons of Vellūrkuruchchi in Alagiyapāndiyakkulakkīl, viz., Vēlān Kōvan. Ādi Perrān, Vēlān Alagan alias Sundarapāndiya-Mūvēndavēlān and Vēlān Šīrilankō; (inclusive of the last mentioned four) the following (three) persons, viz., Ālvān Upūdhyayar of Marudūr in Tiruvāvaņam. Karumānikkam Ulagamundān-Bhaṭṭan of Perumpulyūr and Mayūravāhaṇan Āduvān-Bhaṭṭan of Marudūr who were concerned in the formation of the brahmadēya; (also the undermentioned persons) of Vēlūr alias Alagiyapāndiyanallūr in Kīranūr-nādu, viz., Rāman Uyyavandān, Perrān Pāttan, Dēvan Nambi and Sōran Nāṭṭān; all these pointing out their respective boundaries, the following persons of Tiruppūvaṇam in Irāsingankulakkīl, viz, Ānaitaṇam Pamman Adiyārkkunalla-Perumān alias Pallavadaraiyan, meyppu Malaiyan Sōran alias Viñjattaraiyan, Dēvan Tillai alias Madurōdaya-Pallavaraiyan, Sīkayilāya-Bhaṭṭan alias Sīvallava-Pallavaraiyan, Kaṇavadi Śīrāman alias Sundarapāndiya-Pallavaraiyan. Ēran Periyān alias Pāṇḍiyan-Pallavaraiyan and Pōrru Aravamudaiyān Villi alias Mudittalaikonda-Pallavaraiyan, conducting the female elephant, the folowing is the document of the boundaries drawn up exactly as the elephant passed:—

(L1. 139-195) The eastern boundary (as it came to be determined) on the day of Sväti corresponding to Saturday and the eleventh tith of the second fortnight and the fourth (solar) day of the month of Dhanus in the twelfth year opposite the thirteenth of (the king's) reign, lies to the west of the line commencing from the eastern extremity of Udaikulam, also called Kit-Chūrai. which lies to the north-east of this village (of Rajagambhīra-chaturvēdimangalam), passes southwards and crosses the road going to Kadambangudi from Seyyakulattur, runs in a south-easterly direction, then southwards and then in south-easterly direction and crosses the road leading to Vembangudi from Manaviramadurai, and then passes eastwards and crosses the high road leading to Mūvaraiyarkottai from Seyyakuļattūr, and then keeping to the right (the pit called) Pudaichchīnkuli, passes south-east along the vettipperuvali (the big path of the vettis) which meets the said road (at the said pit) and crosses the road leading to Māṇavīramadurai from Mūvaraivarkōttai, further, proceeding from this road in a south-easterly direction and crossing the high road which runs westwards, and then going in a south-easterly direction crossing the road leading to Manavīramadurai from Pidāvūr and then passing in a south-easterly direction and reaching the eastern extremity of the tank of Karaiyūr and from its bank passing in a south-easterly direction, it lies to the west. And crossing the channel which carries water to the tank at Kunnëli, it lies to the west. Proceeding from the channel in a south-easterly direction on the eastern boundary of Sangapperayan-embal, then going southwards and then in a south-westerly direction and crossing the road leading from Nettur to Manaviramadurai and then going southwards along the nirnakkal of the tank at Chandranallur and reaching the southern extremity of Chandranallur, it lies to the west. Further, proceeding from here in a south-westerly direction along the way leading to Vaigai alias Śrīvallabhappērāru, it lies to the west. Then going southwards from this way along the śervai on the eastern boundary of Śeńkuli, then proceeding westwards on the southern boundary of the said Senkuli and afterwards going southwards along Karkulam which forms the eastern boundary of Orukkogrančri, it lies to the west. Then proceeding in a south-westerly direction on the southern boundary of the said Orukkorranëri and getting into the Vaigai alias Śrivallabhappērāgu it lies to the west. Then going along this Šrīvallabhappērāgu (first) in a northwesterly direction and then in a westerly direction, it lies to the west. Then getting up the southern bank of this river and proceeding in a southerly direction and crossing the channel which carries water to the tank of Kit-Pasalan aluas Danavinodanallur and the tank of Mor-Pasalan aluas Śrīvallabha-chaturvēdimangalam and getting up the bank of this channel and proceeding south wards along the.....ridge of the half  $e\bar{e}h$  and two  $m\bar{a}$  of land in Arasippargu and going up the northern extremity of the tank of Manaviramadural, it has to the west. Then, proceeding

westwards on this bank and then going southwards on the eastern boundary of the three veli of land, as measured by the pāṭṭakkōl,--which had been added to Rājagambhīra-chaturvēdimangalam out of the lands that were being cultivated as pattam on the eastern side of the channel which carries water to the tank at Marudur and which lay within the abovesaid tank of Manavīramadurai,-and getting up the south bank of this tank and (then) reaching the channel which carries water to the tank at Marudur, it lies to the west. Further, proceeding along the east bank of this channel in a south-easterly direction and then in southerly direction and reaching the old excavation in the south extremity of the kudiyiruppu of Vanagangappēraiyan, it lies to the west. Proceeding again eastwards along this excavation, and going on the ridge (first) in an easterly direction and then in a north-easterly direction along the southern ridge of the field in the south extremity of Manaviramadurai in the agavay of the old tank of Marudur, and getting up the eastern extremity of the said old tank of Marudur, it lies to the west. Then, proceeding westwards along this bank, and then going southwards along (the channel called) Divākaravāykkāl which forms the eastern boundary of Marudur and the western boundary of Manaviramadurai, till where this channel ends, then passing by this western ridge of (the land called) Divakaravavakkal, and then proceeding eastwards along the southern ridge of the field and then passing south along the servai which has the western ridge of Sundaravayakkal and then going along the line which forms the northern boundary of Sankaramangalam and the southern boundary of Manaviramadurai, (first) in an easterly direction and then in a north-easterly direction and getting up the northern extremity of Sankaramangalam and reaching the channel which carries water to the tank of Mēr-Paśalai alias Śrīvallabha-chaturvēdimangalam and to the tank of Kīţ-Paśalai alias Dāṇaviṇōdanallūr, it lies to the west. Then, proceeding in a south-easterly direction on the western bank of this channel, and crossing the (other) channel which, branching off from this channel, carries water to the tank of Mer-Pasalai alias Śrīvallabhachaturvedimangalam, and then going (successively) in south-easterly, easterly and southerly directions on the western bank of the channel which carries water to the tank of Kīt-Paśalai alias Dānavinodanallūr and reaching the western embankment of the tank of the said Dānavinodanallur, and then getting down the grassy bank of that tank and proceeding southwards on the eastern bank of the channel which carries water to the tank of Mer-Pasalai alias Śrīvallabhachaturvedimangalam and reaching the northern extremity of the tank of the said Śrivallabhachaturvedimangalam, then proceeding (successively) in south and south-east directions along the Idukkāru (flowing) from the maruvāy of this tank, and reaching the path leading to the nattam of Nelvēli, it lies to the west. Then, getting up at the eastern extremity of the tank of the said Nelvēli and reaching (the channel called) Paralaikkāl, and proceeding southwards on the western bank of that channel and crossing the path leading west from Nakkanëri, (it lies to the west).

(LI. 195-267) The southern boundary: Going westwards along the road forming the southern boundary of Nelvēli and the northern entrance to the nattam of Ettiyēri and reaching the western end of the said nattam of Ettiyēri, thence proceeding westwards and reaching the old temple-site in the middle of this Ettiyēri and Nelvēli, then going south-west and crossing (the river) Paralaiyāru, it lies to the north. Proceeding (successively) in south and south-west directions on the western bank of this river, and then crossing the channel which carries water to the tank of Nirambaiyūr and (also) forms the eastern boundary of Sōmāttūr, and proceeding southwards on the western bank of this channel and reaching the middle boundary between Sōmāttūr and Siruvāgai in the vicinity of Kallikkuḍi, it lies to the north. Further, passing west and south-west along the ridge which commences at the middle of this boundary, and getting into the tank at Siruvāgai at the north end of it, then passing on the southern boundary, of Aravankuḍi and crossing the channeli which carries water to the tank of Kallikkuḍi, then going westwards and then in a south-westerly

direction along the road leading to Vēļāņēri from Aravaņkudi and reaching the eastern boundary of Vēļāņēri, it lies to the north. Again proceeding in a north-easterly direction along the eastern bank of the channel, which runs along the said village of Velaneri and carries water to Puttur, and crossing this channel and getting up the western bank, it lies to the north. Further, going westwards along the boundary which forms the northern boundary of Vēļāņēri and the southern boundary of Karunkulam, and then going westwards along the north bank of Surrivasakkal-urani of Vēlāņēri, it lies to the north. Then going along the ridge in the middle of the boundary and proceeding north along the eastern ridge of Adichchavasakkal of Vēļāņēri, and then going north along the northern ridge of this land, it lies to the north. Further, going north on the eastern ridge of Karundadi of Vēļāņēri, and then westwards on the ridge which is to the north of this land and the nārrankāl of Ādichchavaśakkal and of Perranvaśakkal and reaching the eastern ridge of Davanīti-vavakkal in Sēņēri which adjoins Kallikkudi, it lies to the north. Again, proceeding northwards on this ridge and reaching the ellai-vāykkāl (i.e., the boundary channel), and then going (successively) in north, north-west and north directions along the said channel, and afterwards going in a westerly direction on the northern ridge of Mālār-mukkāņi of Śēņēri, and then again going in a north-western direction on the eastern ridge of Somidevi-vayakkal belonging to Davānīti Ariyān alias Arundavan-Viļupparaiyan, then going northwards along the eastern ridge of the land of Dayaniti Manaviran consisting of several tadis (in extent), and then proceeding northwards on the eastern ridge of the rayakkal of Uyyakkondal and then westwards of the northern ridge of this field and reaching the northern bank of the tank of Seneri, it lies to the north. Then going in a north-westerly direction along the grassy bank of this tank and reaching the big road leading to Devakottai from Kannanur, and going westwards along this big road, it lies to the north. Then, leaving to the left the tamarind tree standing at the northern entrance of Pudaneri-nattam, and passing westwards and getting into the tank called Tadappirai at its southern extremity, it lies to the north. Then passing in a north-westerly direction in the nīr-nakkal of this tank, and then going in a north-westerly direction in the nīr-nakkal of (the tank called) Kanchirankulam and reaching the northern extremity of this tank, and then passing westwards on the south bank of the channel which carries water to this tank and getting up the (bank of the tank called) Pullanerikulam at its southern end, it lies to the north. Then going northwards in the nirnakkal of this tank and reaching the northern extremity of this tank, then going westwards on the south bank of the channel which carries water to this tank and reaching the big road leading to Kannanur, it lies to the north. Then going northwards along this road, and then going westwards of the śevrai having the northern ridge of Muttaraiyan-karunchey of Kannanur-Pidari-eri which forms the northern boundary of Kannanur and the southern boundary of Narimanram and reaching the kulapparippu of Madalaikuruchchi, and going northwards within this tank to the extent of ten köl, it lies to the north. Proceeding westwards along this tank and crossing the channel which carries water to the tank at Kannanur and passing northwards, leaving to the right the tamarind tree standing to the east of Kāṇavāru which flows northwards, and going westwards and getting up the bank of (the tank called) Udaikulam in Kit-Seli, and going northwards on this bank and reaching the southern boundary of Minneri, it lies to the north. Further, going westwards along the channel which had been dug to carry water to the tank at Kit-Seli and which forms the northern boundary of the said tank of Kīṭ-Śeli and the southern boundary of this Minneri, then getting into the channel and getting up at the breach (known as) Malaiyanudaippu, proceeding then on the bund of this tank and getting down the agaray of this tank, then going (successively) in southerly and south-westerly directions on the eastern boundary of the dry land belonging to Milagaņūr and reaching the road leading to Kottakīrti in Kāñai-Irukkai from Milagaņūr, it lies to the north. Then going north-west along the channel which carries water to the tank of

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Kadambangudi, which channel formed the northern boundary of the said Kottakirti and passed in the middle of the northern boundary of Vēlānēri in Kāñai-Irukkai and the southern boundary of Milaganur, then getting into this (i.e., the said) channel and going north to the karai-parippu, which is at the southern extremity of Mer-Seli and forms the northern boundary of the dry land attached to Vēļāņēri, then going in a north-westerly direction, and then again in a westerly direction along the southern boundary of the dry land belonging to Soran Mükkan of Milaganür, then going in a northerly direction along the ellai-parippu in the middle of the eastern boundary of Karpakirti in Kānai-Irukkai and the western boundary of Mēr-Seļi adjoining Milaganūr and reaching the southern boundary of the dry land of Sundan-Alvan of Milaganur, it lies to the north. Further, going in a westerly direction midway between the southern boundary of this dry land and the northern boundary of Karpakirti and reaching the eastern boundary of the dry land of Karpakirti, it lies to the north. Then going (first) in a northerly direction and then in northwesterly direction, along the vēli-pparippu in the middle of this dry land and the dry lands belonging to Milaganur, and afterwards going in north and north-westerly directions midway between the eastern limit of Karpakirti and the boundary at the western limit of the dry land that was being cultivated by Raman Alagan of Milaganur, and then crossing the road leading to Milaganur from Irunchigai and reaching the end of the southern extremity of Sirukilātti adjoining Mılaganūr, and going in a north-westerly direction along the karai-parippu of this tank and reaching the northern bank of the tank of Karpakirti, it lies to the north. Then going north-west along the grassy bank of this tank and then in a north-westerly direction along the channel, which carries water to the tank of Sirukilatti and passes midway between the southern limit of the dry lands of Puvaninallur and the bank of Karpakirti, and crossing the kadai-kombu of the tank of Karpakirti, it lies to the north. Then, leaving to the right the kalar-parippu, which lies to the south of Valaiyan-ūrani (and also) to the south of the fields of Puvaninallūr, and going in a westerly direction, and then again in a north-westerly direction along the southern boundary of the dry lands cultivated by the shepherd Irāśinga-kon, the resident of Puvaninallūr, which lands are situated to the north of Kanakarai which carries water to the tank of Sigukilatti and reaching the channel which carries water at the western end of the tank of Karpakīrti, (it lies to the west).

(Ll. 267-316) The western boundary: Proceeding northwards along the eastern bank of this tank, and then going northwards along the eastern bank of the channel, which carried water to the tank of Karpakirti and formed the eastern boundary of Pudukkulam, that was given in exchange for Milaganur which was included in Rajagambhīra-chaturvēdimangalam, then going in northerly and north-easterly directions along the eastern bank of the channel, which carried water to the tank of Karpakirti and formed the eastern boundary of Marankirti which was also given in exchange for the said Milaganur, and then passing this channel, it lies to the east. Further, proceeding northwards and reaching the western end of the tank of Milaganur, it lies to the east. Then getting into the agavay of this tank and going northwards, then again going north along the bank of (the tank called) Minneri which forms the eastern boundary of Kuvalaivelipparru given in exchange for Milaganur and reaching the southern boundary of Nerkunram, it lies to the east. Then going in a north-westerly direction along the karai-parippu, which forms the eastern boundary of this Kuvalaiveli and the western boundary of Nerkunram, and reaching the southern end of the nattam of this Negkungam, it lies to the east. Then going in a north-westerly direction along the southern āsarudi of this nattam and reaching the western extremity of the tank of the said Nerkungam. then going northwards along the eastern end of Kuvalaiveli through the nir-nakkal of this tank and reaching the bank of Mēlśēri, then going northwards along the kuļapparippu of Mēlśēri and getting up at the southern end of Kattikulam and descending into the agaray of this tank and then going northwards on the eastern boundary of Kadambamangalam which was given in

exchange for Milaganur and reaching the bank of Perran-embal, it lies to the east. Then going northward; and crossing the channel which carries water to Kattikulam, and going eastwards along the southern boundary of Tirumāliruñjōlai ir Achchankāttirukkai which is a tax-free dēvadāna of Tirumāliru $\tilde{n}$ jolai- $\tilde{A}$ ļvār and the holding  $(k\bar{a}ni)$  of Pullāni Mādēvan alias Nuļambādarāyar, the headman of Mālangudi, and then leaving to the left the tiruvālikkal (i.e., disc-bearing stone) planted on the southern boundary of this Tirumāliruñjōlainallūr and going in east and south-east directions and reaching the tiruvālikkal planted at the south-east corner of Tirumāliruñjōlainallūr, and then going northwards on the western bank of the channel which carries water to the tank at Milagaņūr which was added to Rājagambhīra-chaturvēdimangalam and reaching the tiruvālikkal planted on the eastern boundary of Tirumālirunjolainallur, and then going northwards on the western bank of this channel and reaching the tiruvalikkal planted at the north-eastern corner of this Tirumālirunjolainallur, it lies to the east. Then going in westerly and north-westerly directions on the south bank of the channel, which carries water to the tank of this Milaganur and forms the southern boundary of Vāgaikudi and the northern boundary of Tirumāliruñjölainallūr, and crossing the channel which carries water to the tank of this Tirumāliruñjōlainallūr and reaching the tiruvālikkal planted at the north-west corner of this Tirumāliruñjōlainallūr, and then going north-west along the south bank of the channel of Milaganur, which forms the northern boundary of Širukudi alias Vīrakāmugamangalam in Alagiyapāndiyakkulakkīl and the southern boundary of Vāgaikudi, and then going northwards on the west bank of the channel of Milaganür which forms the eastern boundary of Vellürkuruchchi in Alagiyapandiyakkulakkil, the dēvadāna of Udaiyār Tiruppūvanamudaiyār and the western boundary of Vāgaikudi, and crossing this channel and reaching the southern boundary of Vidattal alias Manabharanachaturvēdimangalam in Kîranūr-nādu, it lies to the east. Then going eastwards on this boundary along the kalar-parippu and reaching the northern extremity of the tank of Vāgaikudi, it lies to the east. Then going eastwards along this bank and descending this bank and going eastwards on the boundary ridge, which forms the northern boundary of Vagaikudi and the southern boundary of Manabharana-chaturvedimangalam, and leaving to the right the temple of Mānābharana-Isvaramudaiyār at Vāgaikudi and going eastwards on the boundary ridge and reaching the boundary channel flowing eastwards from the tank at Vāgaikudi, then going eastwards along the northern ridge of this channel, and passing this channel and going eastwards on the ridge, which is to the north of Ariyal-vayakkal in Vagaikudi-parru and to the south of Uyyavandâl-vayakkal in Māṇābharṇa-chaturvēdimangalapparru, and reaching the channel which carries water to the tank of Nakkamangalam, and then going (successively) in north, northwest and north-east directions on the western bank of this channel and approaching the western extremity of the tank of Tuttivūr and going on the western bank of this channel (successively) in north, north-east and north-west directions, and then going westwards on the boundary ridge, which forms the southern boundary of the land called Araimākkurru in Tiruvāvaņam and the northern boundary of Manabharana-chaturvedimangalam, and reaching the bank of the tank of Māṇābharaṇa-chaturvēdimaṅgalam, it lies to the east. Then going northwards along the grassy bank of this tank and reaching the bank of Sigrembal of Araimakkurru, then going westwards on the southern bank of this embal and crossing the channel which carries water to the tank of Milaganur, and going (successively) in north and north-west directions on the western bank of this channel and getting into this channel and then getting up the eastern bank of this channel and then going northwards along the nīr-nakkal in the ēmbal of Araimākkūrru and crossing the channel which was carrying water to the tank of Tuttiyur, and going northwards on the western ridge of Kanavadi-vayakkal, which forms the eastern boundary of Vellürkuruchchi in Alagiyapāndiyakkuļakkīļ, a dēvadāna of Udaiyār Tiruppūvaņamudaiyār, and the western boundary of Tiruvāvanam, and leaving to the right Vaykattatturavu in the north-western corner of this Kanavadivayakkal and crossing the channel of Tiruvāvanam, and going northwards on the boundary, which is to the east of Vellūrkuruchchi and to the west of Tiruvāvanam, and descending into the Vagai alias Śrīvallabhappērāru, (it lies to the east).

(Ll. 317-338) The northern boundary: Going eastwards along this Vaigai alias Śrīvallabhappērāru and getting up the northern bank of the channel carrying water to the tank of Panangalür, then going eastwards along this bank and descending into (the river called) Kalavalinādan-āru and going northwards along this river and reaching the road leading to Vēmbangudi from Idaikkāttūr and getting up the eastern bank, it lies to the south. Then going in a northeasterly direction along this road and crossing the channel which carries water from this Kalavalinādan-āru to the tank of Seyyakuļattūr, then going in a north-easterly direction along this road and getting up the bank of the tank of Adikarai, and then going in a north-westerly direction along this bank and reaching what forms the northern extremity of this tank and the southern boundary of Aykudi, it lies to the south. Then going eastwards along this boundary and reaching the northern entrance of the nattam of Vēlangudi and further on reaching the western extremity of the tank of this Vēlangudi, it lies to the south. Going from this in a north-easterly direction and reaching the western boundary of Kudañjādi, and then going in north and north-easterly directions along this boundary and reaching the kombu on the western extremity of the tank of Kudañjādi, it lies to the south. Going from this in a north-easterly direction and then in east and south-east directions on the nir-nakkal of the tank which forms the southern boundary of Sundankuruchchi and the northern boundary of this Kudanjādi, and crossing the channel which flows from the eastern extremity of this tank, and then going in a south-easterly direction and crossing the big road leading from Idaikkāṭṭūr of Vēļūr-Śirukudi to Vēmbangudi and then going eastwards, then going again eastwards on the agaray of Udaikulam, which is called by the names Kāttutteyvam and Pidārikuļam, and getting up the eastern extremity of this tank and going south-east, and then leaving to the right the dry lands ploughed by Semberuman, a neighbouring resident of Kīraņūrnādāļvāņkōttai, and going in east and south directions and crossing the road leading from Seyyakulattur to Vembangudi, then going eastwards and crossing the channel that was caused to be dug by Muttan Alvan alias Sundarapandiya-Marayan for feeding the tanks of Seyyakulattur, then going east and north-east, and (ajterwards) passing eastwards along the agavāy of the Udaikuļam of Mēr-Chūrai and then going eastwards along the agavāy of the tank of Kīt-Chūrai and getting up the eastern extremity of this tank, the she-elephant stopped (having come to the place) where she originally started.

- (Ll, 338-9) I wrote this charitable edict: this is the signature of puravuvari-kankāni Arai-yan Nārāyanan of Kaṭṭikuruchchi, (a resident) of the glorious Parāntakanallūr in Naduvir-kūrru, (a sub-division) of Milalai-kūrram.
- (L. 340) This is the signature of the puravuvari-kankāni Parāntakan Tiruppūvanamudaiyān of Tandalai in Kīl-kūrru, (a sub-diension) of Milalai-kūrram.
- (L. 341) This is the signature of puravuvari-kankāņi Karuņākaradēvan Purpavanamudai-yān of Perumāranūr alias Palamandalādichchanallūr in Alagiyapāndiyakkuļakkiļ.
- (L. 342) This is the signature of Pillai Alvan Ponnambalakkuttan of Karuppur in Tiru-munaippādi-nādu, the kankāni of the tiruvāykkēļvi Jayadhara-Pallavaraiyar.

# No. 12.—TIRUPPUVANAM SUPPLEMENTARY PLATE.

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This is a single plate which bears writing on both the sides, the first having 17 lines and the second, 15 lines.

Excepting the last two and a half lines, the writing on both the sides bears close resemblance to that on the Tiruppūvaņam plates of Jaṭāvarman Kulaśēkhara I edited above. The sign of visarga is used as a punctuation mark in tines 1 and 15. This and the employment of the symbol resembling ya to denote ppa (l. 11), the preferential use of r before hard consonants, t in  $\bar{u}rgalpx=t^c$  (ll. 2 and 17), tarixtu (ll. 4 and 19) and  $p\bar{a}xtu$  (ll. 3 and 8), ch in  $arul\bar{u}x=ch^c$  (l. 27), and k in subhaiyarku (ll. 2 and 16), as well as the general shape of all the letters point to the fact that the writer of this plate must be identical with the one that incised the previous set of eleven plates. In the above examples, sabhaiyārku, tavirtu and  $p\bar{a}rtu$  are instances of wrong spelling.

There are, strictly speaking, two inscriptions on this plate. Lines 1 to 15 register an order issued by king Tribhuvanachakravartin Könērinmaikondān to the assembly of Rājagambhīrachaturvvēdimangalam, while lines 15 to 32 purport to emanate from the temple of Tiruppūvanam to the same assembly. The subject in both is practically the same as will be seen in the sequel. The first contains the date "11th year (of reign) and 108th day" but mentions the king only by the general title Tribhuvanachakravartin Kōnērinmaikondān. The second states the name of the king to be Sundara-Pāṇḍya 'who presented the Chōla country'; eleventh year (of reign) occurs in the body of the record.

In the Tiruppūvaņam plates of Jaţāvarman Kulaśākhara I, we are informed that in constituting the new village of Rājagambhīra-chaturvēdimangalam, three of the dēradāna properties of the temple of Tiruppūvaņamuḍaiyār, viz., Vāgaikuḍi in Kīranūr-nāḍu (l. 20), Muttūranārotṭai in Mērkuḍi-nāḍu (ll. 59f.) and Śirukiṭāṅkāṭṭūr in Purapparaṭai-nāḍu (l.68), were taken up and included in it. It is usual in such cases to give other lands in exchange. The Tiruvālaṅgāḍu plates evidence such a practice. And even in the large Tiruppūvaṇam plates we find it stated that in place of Miṭagaṇūr which, like the dēradāna lands of the Tiruppūvaṇam temple, had been taken up and included in Rājagambhīra-chaturvēdimaṅgalam, a number of lands were given and they were formed into a fresh vīllage called Rājēndraśiṅganallūr which was placed in the Division of Achchaṅkāṭṭirukkai (ll. 111f.). But it is not stated in those plates what was done to compensate the Tiruppūvaṇam temple for the loss it sustained in being deprived of certain properties. What is not stated there forms the subject of this supplementary plate.

The first inscription on this plate states (1) that the villages of Vāgaikuḍi, Muttūranāroṭṭai and Śirukiļānkāṭṭūr, which were among the dēvadāna properties of the temple of Tiruppūvaṇamuḍaiyār, had been taken away and added to Rājagambhīra-chaturvvēdimaṅgalam; (2) that up to the tenth year (of the reign of Sundara-Pāṇḍya I), after annual crop examination, the lands of the said three villages had been regularly paying kaḍamai to the temple of Tiruppūvaṇam; (3) that this payment was then put a stop to and in its place, it was settled that an amount of twenty-five kāśu in all,—ten kāśu for Vāgaikuḍi, ten kāśu for Muttūranāroṭṭai and five kāśu for Śirukiļāṅkāṭṭūr,—had to be paid every year from the eleventh year ouwards to the temple of Tiruppūvaṇam and that in paying this, half must be given in kāśu and the other half in paddy, on the basis of a never diminishing (i.e., permanent) investment; (4) and that on this settlement being recommended to the king by his brother-in-law Alagapperumāl, he ordered the issue of kēlvi to that effect, and directed also the engraving of the same on stone and copper. It bears the date '11th year and 108th day 'and is signed by three officials.

The **second** inscription calls the first document a  $pidip\bar{a}du$  issued by Sundara-Pāṇḍya 'who presented the Chōla country' to the assembly of Rājagambhīra-chaturvvēdimaṅgalam, recites its contents and lays down the procedure to be adopted in making the payment, settled therein. It says that the agreed amount of money  $(k\bar{a}\acute{s}u)$  must be paid and the quantity of paddy measured out, every year, in the premises of the temple kitchen, and for the payment thus made, receipts

must be obtained from the temple signed by the accountant and the kanmi. The signatories to this inscription are a Śaivāchārya, two Śivabrāhmaṇas and Mudal-Kaṇakku (the treasury accountant). At the end, it is said that the document was caused to be made by Śāstra-Bhaṭṭāraka, son of Jaṭādhara the ornament of the village of Aṅgārakamaṅgalam. It must have been on this occasion that the large Tiruppūvaṇam plates, wherein the inclusion of the three dēvadāna villages in Rājagambhīra-chaturvvēdimaṅgalam is specified, must have been engraved and kept along with the supplementary plate as its mūlaśāsana. Hence, it is that we find that all the plates are written in the same hand and are in the possession of the Tiruppūvaṇam temple.

Ordinarily the State did not interfere with temple properties. This is made plain by such statements as "ivv-ūrgaļiṛ=paļan-dēvadānam paḷḷichchandam.....nīkki" found in the large Tiruppūvaṇam plates.¹ It is also clear from the fact that the Tiruppūvaṇam temple, in spite of the inclusion of three of its dēvadāna lands in the newly formed brahmadēya, had been regularly getting the kaḍamai from them from the date of the grant of the brahmadēya, which, as we know from the large set, was the eleventh year opposite to the thirteenth year of the reign of Jaṭāvarman Kulaśēkhara I (A.D. 1204) till the tenth year of the reign of Māṇavarman Sundara-Pāṇḍya I (A.D. 1226). When, owing to any special reasons, dēvadānas had to be taken away and turned to other purposes—here for forming the brahmadēya—the original incumbents were not deprived of their income but were adequately compensated. The king's brother-in-law Aḷagapperumāl must have been appointed to hold an enquiry and settle the compensation to be awarded to the dispossessed owner of the resumed dēvadāna. The result of his enquiry is embodied in this inscription.

The first inscription being a State document is signed by State officials, and the second, being one issued by the temple, bears the signatures of temple officials. The temples in those days had regularly constituted bodies of their own to see to their management. These bodies were known as uṇṇāligaiyār or uṇṇāligai-sabhaiyār.<sup>2</sup> I have referred to the constitutional character of the bodies known as Paṇ-Māhēśvaras in the case of Siva temples and Srī-Vaishṇavas in the case of Vishṇu temples elsewhere.<sup>2</sup> Here we may note some of the numerous officers that were employed in temple bodies.<sup>4</sup> They are (1) Kaṇakku-Mudal or Mudal-Kaṇakku, (2) Kaṇakku, or Karaṇattāṇ, (3) Dēvakaṇmi, (4) Sthānāchārya or Śaivāchārya, (5) Pūṇikkum-Nambi and other Nambis, (6) Kōyil-Nāyakam, (7) Tiruvilaichchiṇai-kaṇkāṇi, (8) Poṛ-Paṇḍāri, (9) Śādana (Šāśana)-Paṇḍāri, (10) Śrī-Māhēśvara-Kaṇkāṇi, (11) Śrīkāryam-śeyvār, (12) Śrīkōyil-Vāriyam-śeyvār or Vāriya-Perumakkal, etc.

In transactions in which the temple is concerned, some of these officials affix their signatures In a record of the time of Kulottunga I five temple officials, viz., Māhēśvara-Kankāṇi, Śivabrāhmaṇa, Pūjikkum-Nambi, Karaṇattāṇ and a Paṇ-Māhēśvara have attested. Another record gives ten of the different officials noticed above. A third document is addressed to Śrīkōyil-vāriyam-śeyvār, Dēvarkaṇmis, Paṇḍāris and Karaṇattāṇ. It is consistent with this custom that the second document issued by the temple of Tiruppūvaṇam to the assembly of

<sup>1</sup> See above, p. 111, text-lines 69 f.

<sup>2</sup> S. I. I., Vol. VII, Nos. 91, 158 & 835.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Above, Vol. XXII, p. 275.

<sup>4</sup> S. I. I., Vol. IV, No. 427; also Nos. 293, 296 & 985 of Vol. V and Nos. 33 & 36 of Vol. VI.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> S. I. I., Vol. V, No. 473.

<sup>•</sup> S. I. I., Vol. IV, No. 427.

<sup>7</sup> No. 33 of S. I. I., Vol. VI,

Rājagambhīra-chaturvvēdimangalam in pursuance of the royal order, was signed by the Saivāchārya, Sivabrāhmanas and the Mudal-Kanakku, besides Sāstra-Bhaṭṭāraka, son of Jaṭādhara.

A few terms that occur in this plate deserve to be noted. These are kelvi, pidipādu, adukkaļaippuram, kadamai and vādā-kkadamai. Kēļvi is the noun derived from the root, 'kēļ' to 'hear'. It is used in inscriptions to denote both 'an office' and 'a royal order'. Among the official attendants on the king, some were called ' $k\bar{e}lvi$ ' and the duty of the  $k\bar{e}lvi$  officers seems to be 'to communicate to the Department corncerned any order of the king just as they heard it said by him'. In communicating such oral orders, they stated the occasion when, and the attendant circumstances under which the king gave them. Besides meaning the class of officials, the term kelvi came to be applied to the document containing the royal oral order put in proper form and signed by the State officials.<sup>2</sup> This term is sometimes re-placed by (nam-ōlai) 'Royal order'. It is worthy of note that in this plate kelvi and pidipādu are made to refer to the same thing. In the Vēļvikudi plates we meet with the expression kēļvi-andaņāļar<sup>3</sup> which conveys the same sense as śrōtriya-Brāhmaņa. The term pidipādu consists of the roots pidi 'hold or bind ' and  $p\bar{a}du$  ' terms or sources' and means ' a deed of support, a letter of authority embodying the conditions to be fulfilled and authorising the possession of a thing or property', or 'a title-deed'. It is of such a general nature that it could be applied to any kind of document. The following extracts will make its application clear :-

"tiriya itta padikku enrum idu pidipādāga" meaning "for having given it back, this shall be the deed of support"; "ivv-āndu kār-mudal kadamai irukkumidattu māttāl nellu padin-kalamāga pū onrukku nellu... kuduttu ivar kaiyāl taravu koļvōmāgavum ippadi sammadittu pidipādu kuduttōm" meaning "agreeing to pay ten kalam of paddy on each mā of land at each harvest and to obtain receipt therefor we gave this pidipādu (i.e., deed evidencing the terms of holding)". It will be seen that this passage is almost similar to the one in the Tiruppūvaņam supplementary plate, and that the record belongs to the time of Jaṭāvarman Kulaśēkhara I.

Another inscription which registers a tax-free gift of land, with its previous owners removed, as a nandavaṇappuram, i.e., for the maintenance of a flower garden, uses the words "ippadi nam ōlai pidipādāga kondu chandrādityavar selvadāga". Here the word pidipādu means 'a deed embodying the terms and authorising the holding of the land as a tax-free gift'. As in the present plate, the royal order (nam ōlai) is termed a pidipādu.

Kadamai means 'assessment on land'. The fact that the temple of Tiruppūvaṇam was getting from the three dēvadāna properties kadamai annually, after crop examination, shows that they must have been assigned by the State and the temple was entitled to all the dues which it was previously entitled to. The fresh settlement by which the sabhā of Rājagambhīra-chaturvvēdimangalam was made to pay annually twenty-five kāśu, half in money and the other half in paddy, must be equal to the value of the kadamai which the temple was receiving. The word kadam being not much different from kadamai, vādā-kadamai may be equated with vādā-kadam. This is quite appropriate in this case where the temple had been realising kadamai on lands and the

<sup>1</sup> See above, note on tiruvâykêlvi, p. 106.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> No. 293 of S. I. I., Vol. V.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Above, Vol. XVII, p. 300, text-line 36,

Above, Vol. XXII, p. 52.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> S. I. I., Vol. IV, No. 415,

<sup>&</sup>amp; Ibid., No. 419.

lands had been given over to the brahmadēya. The term  $v\bar{a}d\bar{a}$ -kadamai is used in other inscriptions also in the sense of 'permanent assessment on lands'. As applied to debts,  $v\bar{a}d\bar{a}$ -kadam means a loan in which fixed interest had to be paid, the capital remaining unchanged or undiminished. This is the case in all permanent endowments. Sometimes it is even stated that the debtor should not at any time offer to pay up the capital and free himself from the binding to pay interest. Fuller expression for such debts is mudal- $v\bar{a}d\bar{a}$ -kadam. Adukkalaippuram means 'for the requirements of the kitchen, i.e., for offerings'. All gifts to temples are  $d\bar{e}vad\bar{a}nas$ . According to the purpose for which the gifts are made, they fall under different heads such as tirunandavanappuram, tirumālaippuram, adukkalaippuram, tiruvilakkuppuram, etc.

#### TEXT.

#### First Side.

- 1 Svasti śr**i** ? Tribhuvaṇachchakrava[r\*]tti **Kōṇē**r[i\*]**ṇmaikoṇḍāṇ** Rājagambhīra-vaļanāṭṭʊ Rājagambhīra-chatu-
- 2 rvvēdimangalattu=ssabhaiyārku [ |\* ] Udaiyār Tiruppūvaņam-udaiyār dēvadāņamāņa ūrgaļir=tangaļ=ūrudaņ kūţ-
- 3 țina Vāgaikudiyu[m\*] Muttūranāroțțaiyum Sirukiļānkāttūrum pattāvaduvarai payir pārtu=
- 4 kaḍamaiy=iruttu-vandamaiyil idu tavirtu=ppadin-onrāvadu-mudal Vāgaikuḍikku=kkāśu pattum Muttū[ra\*]-
- 5 nārottaikku=kkāśu pattum Sirukiļānkāttūrukku=kkāśu ainjum aga and=onrukku=kkāśu
- 6 irubatt-ainjum oṭṭāga niśchayittu=kkāśu pādiyun=ner-pādiyum-āga irukka-pperavēņum-enru mach-
- 7 ehunanār=Alagapperumāļ namakku=chchonnamaiyil tangaļ=ūrudan kūṭṭina Vāgaikudiyu[m\*] Muttūranāroṭ-
- 8 taiyuñ=Chirukilānkāṭṭūrum pattāvaduvarai payir pārtu=kkadamaiy=iruttu-vandamaiyil idu tavirtu=
- 9 ppadiņ-oṇrāvadu-mudal Vāgaikuḍikku=kkāśu pattum Muttūranār[o\*]4ṭṭaikku=kkāśu pattuñ=Chiru-
- 10 kiļānkāttūrukku=kkāśu ainjum āga āņḍ-onrukku=kkāśu irubatt-ainjum oṭṭāga niśchayittu=
- 11 kkāśu pādiyun=ner-pādiyum-āga iruppadāga<sup>5</sup> kēlvi tara=chchoṇṇōm [\*\*] ippaḍi<sup>5</sup> Chandr-Ādityavat śelvadāga ka-
- 12 lliluñ=chembilum veţṭivittu=kkolga [[\*] Ivai\* Śevvirukkai-nāṭṭu Achchutavayal=Araiyaṇ-Ādichcha-
- 13 dēvaņ-āņa Yādavarāyaṇṇ=eļuttu [:\*] Yāṇḍu 11-vadu nāļ 108 [!\*] Ivai Vaḍatalai=chChembi-nāṭṭu Veṇkāṇūr Araya-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> S. I. I., Vol. IV, 373 and Vol. V, No. 416.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> No. 345 of S. I. I., Vol. VIII.

<sup>8</sup> See Nos. 416 and 450 of S. I. I., Vol. V.

<sup>4</sup> The right hand portion of the medial o sign of ro has been omitted to be engraved.

<sup>•</sup> The letters ppa are written as a group whose symbol resembles ya.

<sup>•</sup> The word ivai is expressed by a single symbol combining the two letters i and vai.

<sup>?</sup> The ē sign of dē is at the end of the previous line.

- 14 n Kariyamāl-āna Adigaimān=eļuttu [j\*] Ivaiy1=Anda-nāṭṭu=pPerumaṇalūr Mandariy-Irāmanāna Pallavarāyaņ-
- 15 n=eļuttu ° Svasti śrī ° Sarvva-loka-samutpatti-sti(sthi)ti-samhāra-kāraņam [l\*] śāsanam śāśvatam Śambhō[h\*] árī-Pu-
- Rājagambhīra-chaturvvēdimangalattu= 16 shpavana-vāsinah [11] Rājagambhīra-vaļanāttu ssabhaiyārku namm-adukka-
- 17 ļaippuram-āņa ūrgaļir=tangaļ=ūruḍaņ kūṭṭiṇa ūrgaļil Vāgaikuḍiyum Muttūranāroṭṭaiyuñ-Chiru-

#### Second Side.

- 18 kiļānkāṭṭūrum nam piļļai Śōṇāḍu valangina Sundara-Pāṇḍiyadēvarku yāṇḍu pattāvaduvarai payir pā-
- 19 rtu=kkadamai kondu-vandamaiyil idu tavirtu padin-onrāvadu-2mudal Vāgaikudikku=kkāśu pattum Muttūranārottai-
- 20 kku=kkāśu pattum Śiruki[ļānkāṭṭūru]kku=kkāśu aiñjum āga āṇḍ-oṇrukku=kkāśu irubattainjum vādā-ka-
- 21 dan-āga oṭṭāga=kkāśu [pādiyun=ner]=pādiyum-āga iruppadāga=chchonno[m] [|\*] ippadikku nam pillai Sundara-Pā-
- 22 ndiyadēvar tangaļukku=k[kudutta] pidipātṭṭinpadiyēy i-kkāśāl vanda nel[lum kā]śum
- 23 nan-kanakkar kanmigal va[śa]m namm-adukkalaippurattēy-alandum odukki[yu]n-taravu kolga [l\*]
- 24 Aruļāl <sup>a</sup>Savyāchāryyan Bhāradvāji Pālarāvā[ya]n Visvēsvaran āna [Alagiya]dēva-Bhattan
- eļuttu [|\*] Aruļāl Tiruppūvaņamudaiyān Vighnēśvaran-āna Vināyaka-Bhaṭṭan eluttu [|\*] 25 I-nNā-
- 26 yanār Sivabrāhmaņaril dēvakaņmi Pālarāvāyan Ammaiddēvan-āņa Aļagiyanāyaka-
- Bhattan eluttu [1\*] Aruļār=Chattargaļil Ēnādimangalattu Kāsyapan Kēsavan
- 28 4Kshētrajnan-āna Brahma-pPallavaraiyann=eļuttu [I\*] Aruļāl mudar-karanattān Dānavi-
- 29 noda-Mūvēndavēļāņ=eļuttu [||] Vidyā-praudha-vilāsinī-paribridha<sup>5</sup>-śrī-Śāstra-
- Bhaṭṭāraka[ḥ\*] khyāt=Ōmgārakamamgal-aika-tilaka[ś\*]=śrī-Rājagambhīrakē [i\*] grā-
- 31 māṇām pravarēs Jadā(ṭā)dhara-sutō vidvat(d)-vadāny-āgraṇī[ḥ\*] patram kārayati sma sa-
- 32 [ta]tam=ita(da)m sīmnas=su-ninā(rņā)yakam<sup>7</sup>[]

### TRANSLATION.

(Lines 1 to 15) Hail! Prosperity! From the Emperor of the three worlds Konsrinmai. kondān to the assembly of Rājagambhīra-chaturvvēdimangalam in Rājagambhīra-valanādu.

I The word ivai is expressed by a single symbol containing the two letters i and vai.

<sup>\*</sup> This line is written over an erasure from the beginning to engavadu.

Read Śaivā°.

<sup>•</sup> The  $\tilde{\epsilon}$  sign of  $Ksh\tilde{\epsilon}$  is engraved at the end of the previous line.

<sup>•</sup> Read °vridha.

<sup>•</sup> Fa looks exactly like pa.

<sup>7</sup> The Sanskrit verse at the end severing the latter part of line 29 and the subsequent two and a half lines is angraved in a different hand. Perhaps Sastra-Bhattaraka himself wrote it and the engraver incised it.

As Vāgaikudi, Muttūranārottai and Sirukiļānkāttūr which were among the dēvadāna villages of (the god) Udaiyār Tiruppūvaṇam-udaiyār and which, up to the tenth year (of Our reign), had been subject to (annual) crop examination and payment of kadamai (to the temple of Tiruppūvaṇam), had been included in your village, this (payment of kadamai) had been made to cease, and as Our brother-in-law Alagapperumāl had told Us that (an amount of) twenty-five kāśu,—ten kāśu for Vāgaikudi, ten kāśu for Muttūranārottai and five kāśu for Sirukilānkāttūr,—had been determined to be paid as oṭṭu, for every year from the eleventh year (onwards), and that out of this amount, (one) half had to be paid in kāśu and (the other) half in paddy, We have ordered the issue of kēlvi to the same effect. You may have this engraved or stone and copper so as to last till the Moon and the Sun (endure). This is the signature of Araiyan Ādichchadēvan alias Yādavarāyan of Achchutavayal in Sevvirukkai-nādu. The year 11 and days 108. This is the signature of Araiyan Kariyamāl alias Adigaimān of Veņkānūr in Vadatalai-Sembi-nādu. This is the signature of Mandari Rāman alias Pallavarāyan of Perumaṇalūr in Anda-nādu.

(Ll. 15ff.) Hail! Prosperity! This is the permanent edict, which was the cause of creation, protection and destruction of all the worlds, of (the god) Sambhu residing in the glorious Pushpavana. To the assembly of Rājagambhīra-chaturvvēdimangalam in Rājagambhīra-vaļanādu.

Whereas, after (annual) crop examination, We3 have been receiving, up to the tenth year of (the reign of) Our son4 Sundara-Pāṇḍyadēva who had presented the Chōla country, kadamai from Vāgaikudi, Muttūranārottai and Širukiļānkāttūr which were among the villages attached to Our kitchen and which had been included in your village, and whereas this (payment of kadamai) had been made to cease and (in its place) We had declared that an amount of twenty-five kāśu in all—ten kāśu for Vāgaikudi, ten kāśu for Muttūranārottai and five kāśu for Sirukiļānkāttūr should be paid to Us as ottu on the basis of a permanent investment, every year from the eleventh vear (onwards), (therefore), in accordance with the pidipādu issued to you in this wise by Our sons Sundara-Pāṇdyadēva, (the amount of) paddy and kāśu should be measured out and given to Our accountants and kanmis (servants) at the premises of Our kitchen and receipt taken. By order, this is the signature of the Saivāchārya Pālagāvāyaņ alias Alagiyadēva-Bhaṭṭan of the Bhāradvājaaotra. By order, this is the signature of Tiruppūvanamudaiyān Vighneśvaran alias Vināvaka-Bhattan. By order, this is the signature of Pālarāvāyan Ammaidēvan alias Alagiyanāyaka-Bhattan, a dēvakanmi among the Sivabrāhmanas of this god. By order, this is the signature of Kēśavan Kshētrajnan alias Brahma-Pallavaraiyan, a Kāšyapa and one of the chattar (students). By order, this is the signature of the treasury accountant Danavinoda-Muvendavelan.

(Ll. 29ff.) The illustrious Śāstra-Bhaṭṭāraka, who was the lord of the lady Learning, who was famous as the sole forehead-mark of Aṅgārakamaṅgala, who was the son of Jaṭādhara and who was foremost among scholars, had this permanent grant, properly fixing the boundaries, written at Rājagambhīraka, the best of villages.

<sup>1</sup> The whole of what has been said above is repeated here.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This word may stand for mantrin 'minister'. But as in all places where it occurs, both here and in the previous inscription, it is consistently spelt Mandari, there is strong suspicion that it may form part of the proper name of the individual.

<sup>3 &#</sup>x27;We' here refers to god.

<sup>4</sup> The king is called the son of the god.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The term arulal which literally means 'by the grace' seems to be employed in the sense of 'by command or order' to denote the fact that the individual signs on behalf of the temple.

<sup>•</sup> The term mudal may also be taken as 'chief, head or first'.

#### No. 13.—KODURU GRANT OF ANA-VOTA-REDDI: ŚAKA 1280.

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The set of plates containing the inscription edited below was discovered in the village of **Ködüru** in the Gudivāda taluk of the Kistna District by the villagers while ploughing a field. The plates are now in the possession of Vidvān Pūrņakuṭumba Rao of Gudlavallēru. from whom I secured them during my tour in the district in November 1936. The inscription has been reviewed in the *Annual Report on South Indian Epigraphy* for that year (Appendix A, No. 4) and I now publish it with the kind permission of the Superintendent for Epigraphy.

The set consists of five plates strung on to an oval ring  $3\frac{1}{2}$  by  $4\frac{1}{2}$  and weighs together with the ring 287 tolas. The ring does not bear any seal. The plates measure 10" by 43" each and are inscribed on both the sides including the first and the last. The writing is in an excellent state of preservation. The inscription is in the Telugu script of the medieval period. The alphabet does not call for any special comment except that the letter bha is written with or without the mark of aspiration at the bottom, as in -nābhēr= in l. 6, gagan-ēbha in l. 28, etc., but it invariably occurs without it when the vowel signs  $\bar{a}$  or  $\bar{u}$  are attached to it or when it occurs in a conjunct consonant, e.g., bhāqa (l. 2), bhū-dāna (l. 9), bhūpah (l. 18), etc., and od=bhayarasō (l. 21), viprēbhyah (1. 32), etc. The letter ri is written like the modern bhu without its lower stroke of aspiration but with an additional kommu or u sign attached to it (Il. 36, 39, 41, etc.). The whole record is written in Sanskrit verse and prose, except the portion specifying the boundaries of the village granted, which is in Telugu (ll. 57 to 72). Lines 1 to 32 consist of fourteen verses in different metres while lines 33 to 56, in which the donees with their respective shares are specified, are in prose. The inscription ends with the usual imprecatory verses and a verse which gives the name of the poet who composed the grant (ll. 72 to 77). In respect of orthography the following points may be noted:—(a) The use of the anusvāra instead of the class nasal and the unnecessary doubling of the following consonant as in jagamtti for jaganti (l. 1), "vamttau for "vantau and rathāmgga for rathāmga (1.4), etc.; (b) doubling of the consonant after the repha as in kīrtti (1.12), °r=vvibhinnā (l. 15), Yajur-vvēdī (l. 42), etc.; (c) incorrect omission of the aspirate as in Pā<sub>ttta</sub> for Pārtha (l. 15), and the sonant for the surd as in tidhau for tithau (l. 29), Radhītara for Rathitara (1.50). In rya the r is always written in full and the secondary form of ya attached to it as at present.

The grant belongs to the time of king Ana-Vōta of the Reddi dynasty of Kondavīdu. The inscription opens with a verse in praise of the Boar incarnation of Vishņu. The subsequent nine verses which are identical with those of the Pachchani-Tāṇḍiparru grant of Ana-Vēma¹ recount, in order, the praise of the Sun and the Moon (v. 2), the birth of the fourth caste, i.e., that of the Śūdras from the lotus-feet of Vishņu and the birth in it of Prōlaya-Vēma who constructed the flight of steps leading to Śrīśaila, made all the gifts enumerated by Hēmādri, performed various meritorious deeds and who defeated several hostile kings (vv. 3-7). To him were born Ana-Vōta and Ana-Vēma who were in splendour, like the Sun and the Moon (v. 8). The next three verses are devoted to the description of the might and valour of Ana-Vōta, the donor of the grant, who instilled fear into the hearts of his enemies by the very sound of his wardrums (vv. 9-12). In the Śaka year 1280 (expressed by the chronogram gagana 0, ibha 8, and sūrya 12) in the month of Pausha, on darśa, Tuesday, during the solar eclipse, king Ana-Vōta granted to sixty-one Brāhmans of different gōtras and śākhās, the village of Kōdūru renamed Annavōtapuram, on the bank of the Malāpahā, along with the eight kinds of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Above, Vol. XXI, p. 269.

aiśvarya and bhōga. The English equivalent of the date according to the Indian Ephemeris of L. D. S. Pillai is A.D. 1358, January 9, Tuesday, on which day amāvāsyā commenced at 51 of the day. The solar eclipse, however, is shown to have occurred on the next day, i.e., Wednesday, on which day amāvāsyā lasted till '43 of the day.

The composer of the grant is Balasarasvati, a name which sounds very much like a title probably acquired by the person on account of his profound scholarship. Besides the Pachchani-Tandiparru grant already referred to, he is the composer of two other inscriptions of Ana-Vēma, of which one is a copper-plate record.1 and the other a stone inscription at Śriśailam2. In all these records Bālasarasvatī calls himself the Vidvān of the king's court and he seems to have held this position up to Saka 1299, in which year he composed the Srisailam inscription mentioned above; for, in the next year, i.e., Saka 1300, we find Trilochanacharya figuring as the court-poet of Ana-Vēma and composing a copper-plate grant of the king.3

Attention may be drawn here to an unpublished fragmentary copper-plate inscription of Ana-Vota recorded in the Elliot Collection of Telugu Inscriptions4, which furnishes us with some important facts. One of the donees figuring in it is a certain Mallu-bhatta who is called a Vidyādhikārin. We know that the famous poet Śrīnātha was the Vidyādhikārin in the court of Kōmaţi-Vēma. Probably he succeeded Mallu-bhatta in this office. Of the duties of a Vidyadhikarin nothing is known from inscriptions, but that it must have been a responsible and high office is evident from the fact that so eminent a poet as Srīnātha held it. Unfortunately nothing is known of his predecessor Mallu-bhatta. Another donee figuring in the Elliot Collection record is a certain Erraya-pregada. His götra, however, is not mentioned as in the case of the 6ther donees, but he is introduced in respectful terms and is stated to be a recipient of an exclusively large share of land. It is therefore likely that this person is identical with the famous poet Errā-pregada, who belonged to the Śrīvatsa-gōtra and who is reputed to have completed the Andhra-Mahābhāratamu which was left unfinished by the previous authors, and who dedicated his work Harivamsamu to his patron Prolaya-Vema. A certain Reddi-Vema is known to have granted several agrahāras to Vennalaganti Sūranna.7 The late Rao Bahadur Viresalingam Pantulu who identifies this Reddi-Vēma with Prolaya-Vēma believes that Sūranna could not have had a place in Vēma's court as long as Errā-pregada held his position there; and therefore, in as much as Sūranna was patronised by Reddi-Vēma, Errā-pregada must have died during the time of Prolaya himself.8 This supposition of the author is untenable, as instances of more than one poet patronised by kings in their courts are not uncommon. The present reference to the poet is therefore important in establishing that he lived in the court of Ana-Vota also. Besides the Mahābhāratamu and the Harivamśamu, Errā-pregada is the author of two other works, the Rāmāyaṇamu and the Nrisimhapurāṇamu, of which he dedicated the former to Malla, a brother of Prolaya-Vema and the latter, known also as the Ahobalamahatmyamu, to the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A. R. on S. I. Epigraphy for 1922-23, App. A, No. 9,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Ibid. for 1915, App. C, No. 20.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Above, Vol. III, p. 59.

<sup>4</sup> Vol. I, p. 206, kindly brought to my notice by Dr. N. Venkataramanayya, M.A., Ph.D., of the Madras Uni-

ng. 5 Mr. V. Prabhakara Śāstri writes, in his Śri*mgāraśrīnāthamu* (p. 52), that Bālasarasvatī held the position of the Vidyādhikārin in the courts of Ana-Vota and Ana-Vema. But in no inscription of his composition does the poet call himself a Vidyādhikārin like his other contemporary Mallu-bhatta or the famous Śrīnātha.

Jakkana's Vikramarkacharitramu, 1, 62.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Complete Works of Rao Bahadur K. Viresalingam Pantulu, Telugu Poets, Vol. X, part 1, p. 173,

god Narasimha, the presiding deity of Ahōbalam, the well-known place of pilgrimage in the Kurnool District.

The chief interest of the present grant lies in the fact that it is the only copper-plate inscription of the king so far discovered. Stone inscriptions of Ana-Vota known till now number only five and range in date from Saka 1275 to 12832. The earliest date known for his father Prolaya-Vema is Saka 1254,3 and an inscription from Mallavaram in the Ongole taluk of the Guntur (formerly Nellore) District gives for him the Saka year 12[7]7, which, if correct, would be his latest date.4 But the reading of the latter date appears to be wrong for reasons cited in the foot-note below and may have to be equated with Saka 1267.5 An inscription of this king from Tripurantakam is dated in Saka 12686 and this is the latest date so far known for him. His son Ana-Vota also figures in this record, probably as the crown-prince. That he was a yuvarāja in his father's reign is referred to in a verse in Harivanisamu also. He may therefore be presumed to have succeeded his father some time between Saka 1268 and Saka 1275. The record bearing the Saka date 1283 quoted above refers to the reconstruction of the Amaresvara temple at Dharanikota by Vema-Chamupati, the son of Mallinatha who was the minister of Ana-Vôta. As the renovation was made for the increase of the life, health and prosperity of Ana-Vōta, it may be reasonably presumed that he was ruling in Saka 1283. His defeat at the hands of Mada and Ana-Vota, sons of Singa, a general, probably, of the Kākatīya king Pratāparudra, is referred to in the Velugōţivāri-Vamśāvali, and this incident has been assigned to Saka 1283.8 Ana-Vēma is said to have succeeded his brother Ana-Vōta after the latter's death. We do not know of any record of Ana-Vēma earlier than Saka 1293. 10

nata Põtaya-sainyanātha naya-mārgga samīhita-santata-sēvā-vilasita-putra śrīsamriddha śivaguṇa-siddhā | (Harivamṣamu, Part II, Canto 9, v. 260.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The only other copper-plate grant of this king known to us is that given in the Elliot Collection mentioned already, but its whereabouts are not now known.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The five records referred to above are (1) Nellore Inscriptions, Part III, p. 1037. This record, dated in Saka 1275, is included in Rangacharya's Topographical List of Inss. (Guntur No. 405) and it refers to Ana-Vōta's minister Mallinātha on whose death his brother made some grants. (2) No. 185 of 1905 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection, dated in Saka 1278. (3 and 4) Nos. 601 and 602 of 1909, both dated in Saka 1280 and (5) No. 258 of 1897. Another record (No. 250 of 1905) dated in Saka 1269 belongs to the reign of Annama Reddi. This has been assigned to Ana-Vōta by Sewell and Krishnaswami Ayyangar (Historical Inscriptions of Southern India, p. 191). But it is reasonable to ascribe it to Anna, a younger brother of Prōlaya-Vēma, since the date falls within the period of the latter's rule.

<sup>8</sup> No. 340 of 1915 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection.

<sup>\*</sup> Nellore Inscriptions, Part III, Ongole 73.

<sup>5</sup> The eclipse is stated to have occurred at the end of (the month) Aśvina. It must therefore have been an eclipse of the Sun (ahimāmśu, not himāmśu, i.e., Moon, as understood by Butterworth and Venugopala Chetty, ibid., p. 1025). According to the Indian Ephemeris the details given in the inscription, viz., Aśvinasy-āvasānē rāhu-grastē-himāmśau sura-guru-divasē, i.e., the ending of Aśvina, solar eclipse, Thursday, agree regularly for the Śaka year 1267 (current) = A. D. 1344, October 7, Thursday, on which day there was a solar eclipse. In calculating the above date, the months have to be counted as amānta ones as it is the system adopted in South India. The word vārddhi in the chronogram śaila-vārddhi-dyumani as read by the authors mentioned above has therefore to be altered suitably by some such word as tarkka to give us the numeral 6 in place of 7, and the chronogram equated with 1267.

<sup>6</sup> No. 191 of 1905.

<sup>7</sup> Ka || Vitata-yuvarāja-vibhav-on-

<sup>\*</sup> Above, Vol. VIII, p. 12.

Above, Vol. XXI, p. 270.

<sup>10</sup> A. R. on S. I. Epigraphy for 1922-23, App. A, No. 9.

which date is nearly a decade later than Ana-Vōta's supposed defeat in Saka 1283. Whether Ana-Vōta's reign ceased with his defeat at the hands of Singa's sons, and his brother succeeded to the throne forthwith, we must leave for future discovery of fresh records to decide.

A few details about this king gathered from the Elliot Collection record referred to already¹ may be added here. The inscription begins, as usual, with the genealogy of the Reddi chiefs commencing with Prola and his sons Mācha, Vēma, Dodda, Anna and Malla by his wife Annamāmbā. Here Vēma's two sons Ana-Vōta and Ana-Vēma are mentioned and the former's exploits recounted. His conquests are said to have extended as far as the banks of the rivers Kṛishṇā and Gautamī, a fact which is corroborated by a verse in the Vishṇupurāṇamu which refers to the defeat by Ana-Vōta of a certain Rāvutu-Kēša on the banks of the Kṛishṇā before the very eyes of god Amarēśvara.² Ana-Vēma associates himself in this inscription with his brother Ana-Vōta in endowing lands to more than 180 Brābmans, amongst whom, besides the Vidyādhikārin Mallu-bhaṭṭa already mentioned, the mention of Eṛṛaya-pregaḍa is of particular interest. Ana-Vēma, it must be noted, is here called Ana-Vēma-Bhūpati Mahārāju (the wording in the inscription is: yī rāju tammuṇḍu Ana-Vēma-Bhūpati Mahā[rā\*]ju). The date of this inscription is unfortunately lost; but it must have been executed some time prior to Śaka 1293, which is the earliest year known for Ana-Vēma, the successor of Ana-Vōta.

Of the place-names mentioned in the inscription under publication the following, viz., Sań-kanipalli, Vinnakōṭa, Kanumerla, Poṭṭipāḍu and Kalavapūṁḍi, may be identified respectively with the modern Sańkarshaṇapuram, Vinnakōṭa, Kanumerla, Poṭṭipāḍu and Kaluvapūḍi—all in the Guḍivāḍa taluk of the Kistna District. Guruṁjakōḍu may possibly be identical with Guṇṭa-Kōḍūru. The other villages, viz., Rājināyini Pālaparti, Kṛiṅkulamirtti or Kṛinkulamirru, Pālakōḍu, and Pulipāḍu, I am unable to identify. Alliguṇṭa may be a pond and Aluka-pannāsa, probably a field. Dāṁkēru and Vannēru must be two local streams. The village Kōḍūru is said to be situated on the banks of the Malāpahā; but there is no stream of this name anywhere in this locality now. The Drujjavaram grant of Ana-Vēma (Saka 1293) refers to this river as situated in Kurtti-dēśa and the grant village Drujjavaram alias Anna-Vēmapuram as situated on the banks of this stream.³ Drujjavaram is evidently the modern Jujhavaram, which is 12 miles south west of Kōḍūru. Both these villages are situated close to the present Pullēru canal, which appears to be the present representative of the river Malāpahā referred to in the above copper-plate records.

A list of the donees is appended hereto in a tabular form specifying in each case the  $g\bar{o}tra$  and the  $s\bar{a}kh\bar{a}$  to which they belonged, as well as the shares of land which they received.

No.	Name of the donee.					Gôi	ra.		Vēda or Šākhā.	No. of shares.	Remarks.
1	Vissayārya .	•	•			Harita .	•	•	Yajus	2	
2	Simggayārya	•	•	•	•	Do	•	•	Do	2	
3	Sūrayārya .	•	•	•	•	Do			Do	2	
4	Dēvayārya .	٠	•	•	٠	Do	•	•	Do	2	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See fn. 4, p. 138.

<sup>3</sup> Andhra Vishņupurāņamu by Sūrana, Āśvāsa I, v. 22.

<sup>\*</sup> A. R. on S. I. Epigraphy for 1922-23, App. A, No. 15.

No.	Name of the donee.					Götz	a.		Vēda or Śākh	No. of shares.	Remarks.
5	Gamggayarya			•		Harita .	•	•	Yajus .	2	
6	Mādhava-dvivēdī					Do			Do	1	
7	Annayārya .					Do			Do	1	
8	Annayārya .		•			Do			Rig .	2	
9	Mādhavārya				•	Bhāradvāja			Yajus .	2	
10	Simggayārya					Do.			Do	1	
11	Lakhkhayārya					Do.		•	Do	1	
12	Appayārya .					Do.	٠		Do	1	
13	Tallaya-daivajña		•	•		Do.			Do	1	
14	Allāda-bhatta			•		Do.		•	Do	1	
15	Allādanātha		•	•		Do.		•	Do	1	
16	Vallabhārya		•	•		Do.			Do	1	
17	Erapōta-bhatta			•		Do.			Do	1	
18	Chamuḍayārya			•		Do.			Ŗig	2	
19	Râmayārya .		٠	•		Śrivatsa		•	Yajus	2	
20	Appale-bhatta			•		Do.			Do	2	
21	Chāmchayārya					Do.			Do	1	
22	Appayārya .		•			Do.			Do	1	
23	Errayārya .		•	•		Do.	•		Do	1	
24	Prōlayārya .			•		Do.			Do	1 1	
25	Nărāyaṇa-bhatta	•		•		Do.			Ŗig	1	
26	Māchayārya			•	•	Do.	•		Yajus	2	
27	Bhāskarārya		•			Kauņdinya			Do	11	
28	Mādhavārya			•		Do.			Do	1	
29	Gamgādharārya	•		•		Do.		. ]	Do	1	
30	Brahmadēva	•	•			Do.	•		Do	1	
31	Simggayārya		•			Do.	•		Do	1	
32	Appayārya .	•			•	Do.	•	•	Do	1	
33	Sarasvatī-bhatţa		•	•		Do.	•		Do	1	
34	Mamchchenārya .					Do.			Do	1	
35	Dēvayārya . ,	•				Kāśyapa	•		Rig	21	
36	Ayyalu-bhat <b>ta</b> .	,		,	.	Do.	,		Do	2	

							1		No.	
No.	Name of the don			Gōtra.			Vēda or Sākhā.	of shares.	Remarks.	
37	Somaya-bhatta		•	.   ]	Kaśyapa		•	Ŗig	1	
38	Nīlakamthārya .		•		Do.	•		Do	1	
39	Peddanārya .		•		Do.	•		Yajus .	1	
40	Annamārya .	•			Do.	•		Do	<del>1</del>	
41	Viśvēśvara-bhaṭṭa				Do.	•		Do	1	Kāṇva-śākh- ādhyāyī.
42	Appayarya				Śāņģilya	•	•	Do	1	
43	Nāgayārya				Do.	•	•	Do	1	
44	Simggayārya .				Do.			Do	1	
45	Mādhavārya •				Do.	•		Do	1	
46	Appayārya			•	Do.	•		. Do	1	}
47	Nārāyaņārya .				Do.	•		. Do	. }	
48	Narahari-bhatta .		•		Vasishțha	•		Rig .	. 21	
49	Narasimha-jyautishika		•		Do.			. Dc	. 2	
50	Sūrayārya				Rathitara			. Yajus	. 2	
51	Vallabhārya .				Do.	•		. Do.	. 1	
52	Simgayārya .				Gautama	•		. Do	. 1	
53	Māchayārya .		•		Do.			. Do	.   1	
54	Jiyyanārya					•		Ŗig .	. 1	
56	5 Perumāņdi-bhatta				Kauśika	•		· Yajus .	. 1	
5(	6 Mārayārya				Do.			. Do	. 1	
5'	7 Mamchenārya .		•		. Maitrēya			. Do	. 2	
5	8 Tippayārya				.   Bhārgava	•		. Do	. 1	
5	9 Gōpāļa-bhatta .				. Vishņu <b>va</b> r	rdhans	<b>a</b> .	. Rig .	. 1	.
6	Vāmaya-bhatṭa .				. Kāṇva .			. Do	. 1	
•	Mallayārya				. Gårgya .	•		. Yajus .	-	4

# TEXT.1

[Metres:—Vv. 1, 7 and 9, Vasantatilakā; vv. 2, 5, 6 and 8, Upajāti; vv. 3 and 4, Indravajrā; vv. 10-13, Šārdūlavikrīdīta; vv. 14-18, Anushtubh.]

#### First Plate; First Side.

- 1 Pāyād=Varāha-vapushaḥ paramasya pumsõ damshṭrā jagamtti(ti) si-
- 2 kharē dharaṇīm dadhānā [ \* ] [śri]mg-āgrabhāga-parichumbita-mēgha-bi-

From original plates.

- 3 mbā samlakshyamāṇa-susham=ēva śaśāmka-rēkhā || [1\*] Tamō ha-
- 4 rētām tava pushpavamttau(vantau) rākāsu pūrvv-āpara-śaila-bhājau [\*] rathāmgga(ga)-līlā-
- 5 m=iva darśayamttau(tau) purā Purārēḥ pṛidhi(thi)vī-radha(tha)sya [2\*] Pād-āravim-
- 6 dād=Aravimdanābhēr=gGamg=ēva puņyā ghana-jīvana-śrīḥ / jāt=ābhijātā śatadhā
- 7 vibhinnā jātis-chaturtthī jagatām hitāya || [3\*] Tasyām-abhūt-Prolaya-Vēma-
- 8 nāmā Šrīśaila-sopāna-vidā(dhā)na-śālī | Hēmādri-kalp-odita-dāna-daksho nis-sī-

## First Plate; Second Side.

- 9 ma-bhū-dāna-nirūḍha-kīrtiḥ | [4\*] Vēma-kshitīšō vṛisham=ēka-pādam khamja-prachāram
- 10 Kali-kāla-dőshāt datt-āgrahāra-dvija-vēda-šaktyā pada-kramair=askhalitam chakāra [5\*]
- II Dharmātmajō Dāśarathiḥ Prithuś=chatyudīryya¹māṇāni yugāmtta(ta)rēshu + vitarka-
- 12 yē Vēma-narēśvarasya puņyāni nāmāni purātanāni [6\*] Yat-kirtti-gāna-sa-
- 13 mayē phaņi-sundarīņām=ālōkitum cha mukha-rāgam=anamga-
- 14 mūlam ! śrōtum cha gita-rachanām yugapan=na dakshō nāg-ādhipō na saha-
- 15 tē nayana-śrutitvam(tvam) | [7\*] Samgrāma-Pārtta(ttha)sya śarair=vvibhinuā yasy= āri-chū-
- 16 dāmaņayō vichēluh || (|) ākrāmatas=samyatı rāja-vamśān² pratāpa-vahnē-

#### Second Plate; First Side.

- 17 r=iva visphulimgāḥ || [8\*] Tasmāch=cha Vēma-nṛipatēr=udayād=iv=ādrēr=jātau pratāpa-vara-kā-
- 18 mtti(ti)-nidhī kumārau | sūry-ēmdu-tulya-mahasāv=Ana-Vōta-bhūpa[ḥ\*] śrīy-Anna-Vē-
- 19 ma-nripatir-jaga-raksha-pālaḥ | [9\*] Vīra-śrīy-Ana-Vōta-bhūtala-patēr-ggambhīra-bhērī-ravaih śa-
- 20 trūnām ḥridayēshu samgga(ga)ra-mukhē bhinnēshu pūrvam rasam(sam) i yad=vī-
- 21 ratin nirakāsayat(d)=bhaya-rasō vēgāt kutō=py=āgatō yuktam prākta-
- 22 nam-ambu nirggamayati pratyagram-aty-ūrjitam(tam) | [10\*] Yadhthāṭīshu³ virōdhi-rā-
- 23 ja-nilayê yödh-alayê yöjitō vahnih kalpita-hema-kuttima-ghana-syam-
- 24 da-sphulimg-ōjva(jjva)lah | Hēmādrēr=iva bhūmikām kalayati praudhah pratāp-ō-

# Second Plate; Second Side.

- 25 shmaṇā sa-pratyamtta(ta)girēḥ sa-hēmasaritaḥ samvyāpta-tār-āvaļēḥ | [11\*] Yasy=ārīn kuliśa-
- 26 dhvanim kalayatō dhāṭīshu bhērī-ravam nāmāni drutam=Arjunassa4 japatas=samgrāma-
- 27 Gāmdīvinah | samgrām-opapadāni tāni bhavatām rakshā-kritē sarvvadā varnyamttām(tām)=i-
- 28 ti bodhayamty=adhipatīn dhī-yamtriņo mamtriņah || [12\*] Śāk-ābdē gagan-ēbha-sū-
- 29 rya-gaņitē Paushasya darśē tidhau(thau) Bhūsūnōr-divasē him-ētara-ruchaḥ puṇy-ōpa-
- 30 rāg-āmitta(ta)rē | grāmam prādišad=Anna-Vota-nripatiķ Kodūru-nām-āmkkı(ki)tam
- 31 s-āshṭ-aiśvaryakam=ashṭa-bhōga-sahitam bhūdēvatābhyō mudā  $\parallel$  [13\*] Malāpah[ā]-
- 32 nadī-tīrē viprēbhyah pratipāditam(tam) | Annavōtapuram nāmnā jayaty=ā-chamdratā-

<sup>1</sup> Read =ch=ēty=udīryya°.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Read -vamśyān.

<sup>3</sup> Read yad-dhāṭīshu.

<sup>4</sup> Read =Arjunusya,

#### Third Plate; First Side.

- 33 rakam(kam) || [14\*] Asya grāmasya pratigrahītāraḥ || Haritagōtrāḥ + Vissayāryaḥ + Simggayā-
- 34 ryaḥ | Sūrayāryaḥ | Dēvayāryaḥ | Gamggayāryaḥ | ētē pamcha pratyēkam dvibhāginaḥ |
- 35 Mādbava-dvivēdī | Annayāryaḥ | ētē dvādaśa Yajuḥ-śākh-ādhyāyinaḥ | Annayāryaḥ
- 36 dvi-bhagī Rig-vēdī | Bhāradvāja-gōtrāḥ Mādhavāryaḥ dvi-bhagī | Simggayāryaḥ |
- 37 Lakhkhayāryaḥ | Appayāryaḥ | Tallaya-daivajñaḥ | Allāḍa-bhaṭṭaḥ Allāḍanāthaḥ |
- 38 Vallabhāryah | Erapota-bhattah | ētē daśa Yajuḥ-śākh-ādhyāyinah | Chamuḍayā-
- 39 ryah | dvi-bhāgī | Rīg-vēdī | Śrīvatsa-gōtrāh Rāmayāryah dvi-bhāgī | Appale-bhaṭṭaḥ |
- 40 dvi-bhāgī | Chāmchayāryaḥ | Appayāryaḥ | Errayāryaḥ | Prōlayāryaḥ | ētē ashṭa

#### Third Plate; Second Side.

- 41 Yajuh-śākh-ādhyāyinah | Nārāyaṇa-bhaṭṭaḥ Rig-vēdī ' Māchayāryaḥ pād-ō-
- 42 na-bhāgī Yajur-vvēdī | Kaumḍinya-gōtrāḥ Bhāskarāryaḥ s-ārdhdha(ārddha)-bhāgī | Mādhavāryaḥ | Gamgādhaḥ(dha)-
- 43 rāryaḥ | Brahmadēvaḥ | Simgayāryaḥ | Appayāryaḥ | Sarasvatī-bhaṭṭaḥ | Mamchchenāryaḥ | ētē
- 44 Yajuḥ-śākh-ādhyāyinaḥ Kāśyapa-gōtrāḥ Dēvayāryaḥ s-ārdhdha(ārddha)-dvi-bhāgī
- 45 Ayyalu-bhaṭṭaḥ dvi-bhāgī | Sōmaya-bhaṭṭah | Nīlakamṭhāryaḥ | ētē Bhurag(Rig)-vēdi-
- 46 nah | Peddanāryah | Annamāryah pād-ōna-bhāgī | ētau Yajur-vvēdinau | Viśvēśvara-bhaṭṭaḥ
- 47 Kāṇva-śākh-ādhyāyī | Śāmḍilya-gōtrāḥ | Appayāryaḥ | Nāgayāryaḥ | Simgga-
- 48 yāryaḥ Mādhavāryaḥ Appayāryaḥ Nārāyaṇa(ṇā)ryaḥ ardhdha(arddha)-bhāgī l ētē Ya-

#### Fourth Plate; First Side.

- 49 juḥ-śākh-ādhyāyinaḥ + Vasishṭha-gōtrau + (l) Narahari-bhaṭṭaḥ s-ārddha-dvi-bhāgī + Narasim-
- 50 ha-jyautishikah dvi-bhāgī ētau Rig-vēdinau Radhī (thī)tara-gōtrau Sūrayāryah dvi-bhā-
- 51 gī | Vallabhāryaḥ [\*] ētau Yajur-vvēdinau Gautama-gōtrau | Simggayāryaḥ | Māchayāryaḥ
- 52 ētau Yajur-vvēdinau I Jiyyanāryah Rig-vēdī Kausika-gōtrau Perumām-
- 53 di-bhattah | Marayaryah | ētau Yajur-vvēdinau | Maitrēya-gotrah Mam-
- 54 chenāryah dvi-bhāgī | Yajur-vvēdī | Bhārggava-gōtrah Tippayāryah | Yajur-vvēdī | Vi-
- 55 shņuvardhdhana(varddhana)-gōtraḥ Gōpāļa-bhaṭṭaḥ Rig-vēdī Kaṇva-gōtraḥ Vāmaya-bhaṭṭaḥ
- 56 Rig-vēdī [|\*|] Gārgya-gōtraḥ Mallayāryaḥ pād-ōna-bhāgī Yajur-vvēdī || Śrī[ḥ||\*]

## Fourth Plate; Second Side.

57 Atha grāmasya sīmā-chihnāni i tūrpunaku Mrānikoṇḍa-gumṭa paḍumaṭi gaṭṭu-58 nnu ā kumṭṭa dakshiṇapu maḍi tūrpu-gaṭṭunnu dakshiṇa-mukhamai Dāmkēru sahi-

- 59 tamai ā ēru dāmti Samkka(ka)nipalli kōdu sīmagānu vachchi a(ā)gnēyam mūla Sa-
- 60 mkanipalli polamēra-gaṭṭu mōchenu dakshiṇamunaku Vinnakōṭa polamu yāya-
- 61 vyam mūla magidi dakshiņam-mukhamai põyi Alligumta mõchi attē pa-
- 62 dumara-mukhamai põyi nairriti-müla Kanumallapümdi polamu mõchenu[\*]
- 63 padumați sîma Vațlūri Akka-domka padumați kara pațțikoni vachchi Vannēgu sahita-
- 64 mu-gānu Prattipāți polamu āgnēyam mūla mõchi uttaram-mukhamai

## Fifth Plate; First Side.

- 65 Namdi-vamppu sahitamugā vachchi Rājināyini-Pālaparti velladi polamu mō-
- 66 chi meditapai Krimkulamirti polamu padumati kara-vattukoni uttaram-mukhamai
- 67 pöyi Pālakōdu dāmţi uttara-mukhamai pöyi vāvavyam mūla Kalu-
- 68 vapūmidi kara mõchenu | uttaram sīma ā karē sīmagānu tūrpu mukhamai
- 69 sāgi vachchi aluka-pannāsa dakshiṇapum-gara sīmagā vachchi Vannēru mōchi dakshinam¹
- 70 mukhamai Vannērē sīmagānu Krimkulamirru Pulipādu sahitamgā vachchi
- 71 Gurumjakōdu vāsina chōṭunu Vannēgu dāmṭi tūrpu-mukhamai īśānyam
- 72 mūla Mrānikomda polamu mõchenu ( Sva-dattā[d\*]=dviguņam puņyam para-datt-ā-

### Fifth Plate; Second Side.

- 73 nupālanam(nē) | para-datt-āpahārēņa sva-dattam nishphalam bhavēt [[ 15\*] Sva-dattām para-dattām
- 74 vā yō harēta vasumddharām(rām) | shashṭim varsha-sahasrāṇi vishṭhāyām jāyatē kṛimiḥ [[ 16\*]
- 75 Ēk=aiva bhaginī lōkē 'sarvvēshām=api bhūbhujām(jām) + na bhōgyā na kara-grāhyī vipra-dattā vasum-
- 76 ddha(dha)rā || [17\*] Ana-Vōta-narēmdrasya vidvān **Bālasarasvatī** | akarōd-ākarō vāchām ni-
- 77 rmmalam dharma-śāsanam(nam) | [18\*] Śivam=astu | Śrī[h \*]

#### TRANSLATION.

- (Verse 1) May the tusk of the Boar-incarnation of the Supreme Being, bearing the earth on its extremity and looking most beautiful like the crescent which is kissed at its cusp by the clouds, protect the worlds.
- (Verse 2) May the Sun and the Moon resting (respectively) on the western and eastern mountains during the full-moon evenings and displaying, as it were, (their) former act of being the wheels to the chariot, the earth, of Purāri (i.e., Śiva), dispel your darkness.
- (Verse 3) From the lotus feet of the lotus-navelled god (i.e. Vishņu) was born, for the good of the world, the noble fourth easte, virtuous, illustrious with rich life and divided hundredfold like the sacred Ganges rich with profuse water and split into a hundred branches.

<sup>1</sup> The anusvara is written in the next line.

- (Verse 4) In that (caste) was born (a king) named Prolaya-Voma who constructed steps to Śrīśaila (mountain), who was expert in making gifts mentioned in the work on rītuals (Kalpa) by Hēmādri and whose fame was established by his gifts of limitless lands.
- (Verse 5) King Vēma made the Vrisha (lit. bull, i.e., Dharma) which was one-legged on account of the evil of the Kali age and (so) was limping in his walk, steady in its course by the power of the Vēdas (being chanted with pada and krama) by the Brāhmans to whom agrahāra (villages) had been given.
- (Verse 6) I fancy that the names spoken of in other yugas such as Dharmātmaja, Dāśarathi and Prithu are the sacred old names of king Vēma (himself).
- (Verse 7) When the Naga women were chanting his (i.e., Prolaya-Vema's) glory, the serpent king, being unable to see the beauty of their faces, which was the root of love, and at the same time listen to the musical composition (sung by them), could not bear (the reputation of) hearing through the eyes.
- (Verse 8) When he attacked (the enemy) kings in fight, the crest-jewels of his foes, split by the arrows of him who was (like) Partha in battle, scattered about as though they were the sparks of the fire of his valour.
- (Verse 9) From this king Vēma were born as from the eastern mountain, two sons (viz.), prince Ana-Vōta and prince śri-Anna-Vēma, the protector of the world—who were the receptacles of valour and great splendour, who were equal to the Sun and the Moon in lustre.
- (Verse 10) When the hearts of the enemies were broken by the deep sounds of the war-drums of king Ana-Vōta, the sentiment of fear coming from some unknown quarter drove away the spirit of heroism which was there already. It is meet that a powerful (current) of new water drives away the old water.
- (Verse 11) The fire lit to the military barracks during the attacks on the palace of the enemy kings, shining with sparks that are the thick drops flowing from the pavement made of gold, looks, by the heat of its great glow, like (lit. puts on the garb of) the golden mountain (i.e., Hēmādri) which is combined with its hill ranges and the golden streams and is covered with rows of stars.
- (Verse 12) The shrewd (lit. who had wisdom as their support) ministers (of the enemy kings) advise their masters, who were repeating the names of Arjuna immediately after hearing the sound of his (i.e., Ana-Vōta's) war-drums which resembled the sound of thunder, that those military titles of him who was the Arjuna on the battle-field (i.e., Ana-Vōta) should (instead) be repeated always for their protection.
- (Verse 13) In the Saka year counted by gagana (0), ibha (8), and sūrya (12), (i.e., 1280), in the month of Pausha, on a Tuesday which had the darsa (tihi)—during the solar eclipse, king Ana-Vōta gladly gave to the Brāhmans the village Kōdūru along with the eight aiśvaryas and eight bhōgas.
- (Verse 14) May the village by name Annavotapuram situated on the banks of the river Malāpahā and given to the Brāhmans shine (supreme) as long as the Sun and the Moon (last).
- (Lines 33 to 56) The names of the 61 dones with their gotras and shares are enumerated (see list on pp. 140 ff.).
  - (Lines 57 to 72) The boundaries of the gift village are specified in Telugu.
- (Lines 72 to 77) Three imprecatory verses and a verse stating that the composer of the grant was Bālasarasvatī, the vidvān of king Ana-Vōta, are given here.

#### No. 14.—THREE COPPER-PLATE GRANTS FROM MAYURBHANJ.

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#### A.—Ädipur Copper-plate of Narendrabhanjadeva.

This is a **single plate** measuring about 11" by  $8\frac{1}{2}$ ". It contains 41 lines of writing engraved on both sides. A **circular seal**, representing a full-blown lotus, is attached to the middle of the top of the plate. The seal has a diameter of  $3\frac{1}{2}$ ", and on its surface is engraved, in relief, inside a raised circular rim, the figure of a humped bull with that of a small crescent above it, and the **legend** ' $Sr\bar{\imath}$ -Narēndrabha $\bar{\imath}$ jadēvasya' below. There is a floral design underneath the legend. The seal bears a very close resemblance to that of Tribhuvana Mahādēv $\bar{\imath}$  of the Kara dynasty.<sup>2</sup>

The plate was discovered in 1927 by a Köl peasant in course of digging a field near the village of **Adipur** in the Pānchpir Sub-division of Mayūrbhanj State, and is now preserved in the Mayūrbhanj State Museum at Bāripadā. Mr. K. C. Neogy, the Dewan of the Mayūrbhanj State, kindly sent the plate to me for decipherment, and I am editing it from the original.

The plate is in a fair state of preservation, except a small part of the reverse which is badly corroded, with the result that a few letters in the formal portion of the grant are not legible.

The alphabet belongs to the Northern type and resembles that used in the Pāla records of the tenth century A.D. It contains numerical symbols for 200, 90, 3 and 1.

The language is Sanskrit. With the exception of eleven verses, including the usual imprecatory verses, the inscription is written in prose. Some of these verses are, however, very faulty, and require addition or omission of letters to suit the requirements of the metre. The author's knowledge of Sanskrit was rather poor and there are many mistakes both in spelling and in grammar.

As regards orthography, b and v are not distinguished; the anusvāra is represented in some cases by guttural  $\dot{n}$  (vansā in line 6), while the final dental n is represented by anusvāra (satrām in line 11, bhūpālām in line 15). Consonants are usually doubled after r, but there are exceptions (krimir=bhūtvā in line 29). Some other peculiarities seem to have been due to the ignorance of the author. Mention may be made of the use of s for s (āsu in line 3, Smara in line 10, prašaktah in line 13, šahla in line 20); of ri for ri (kriyatā in line 32, śriyam= in line 34); of r for  $\bar{\imath}$  (Bhavānišah in line 2, āsit in line 3, sariram= in line 31, kirttayō in line 35); and of u for  $\bar{u}$  (parcea in line 17).

As examples of the faulty knowledge of grammar may be mentioned  $m\bar{a}n\bar{i}s=ty\bar{a}g\bar{i}r$  in line 6,  $ukta\bar{n}=cha\ ddharmma-\dot{s}\bar{a}str\bar{e}$  in line 24,  $ch\bar{e}ta$  in line 32, and  $vindu-ll\bar{o}l\bar{a}\dot{m}$  in line 33.

The author's scanty knowledge of Sanskrit literature is best exemplified by the way in which the names of gotras and pravaras are given in lines 17-18.

The inscription records the grant of the village Vṛi(Bṛi)hat-Sārāi in Urtti-vishaya in Khij-jiṅga by king Narēndrabhañja, son of king Vibhramatuṅga, and grandson of Kōṭṭabhañja. At the end of the record proper, there is a sort of postscript written in smaller characters, referring to a Grant in the same district by Mahūrāja Raṇabhañjadēva, son of Vibhramatuṅga, and, therefore, a brother of Narēndrabhañja. The date, samvat 293, at the end of the record, evidently refers to this latter Grant. It appears at first sight that after the inscription recording the grant of Narēndrabhañja was engraved on the copper-plate, a small space remained vacant,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For the sake of convenience the historical materials in all the three Grants have been discussed together in the Introduction to A.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Cf. e.g., the plate facing p. 425, J. B. O. R. S., Vol II.

and it was subsequently utilised for making a brief record of the other Grant, leading to the natural presumption, that Raṇabhañja was the younger brother of Narēndrabhañja and ruled after him. But some peculiarities in Inscription B, edited below, seem to point to the opposite conclusion.

The donee in the first Grant was Bhaṭṭaputra Śītaladēva-śarman belonging to Bahvṛicha-charaṇa, Āśvalāyana-śākhā, and Vatsa-gōtra. The donee in the other case was Bhaṭṭaputra
Trivikrama.

The inscription is of great historical importance as it furnishes new materials for the reconstruction of the history of the **Bhañja** dynasty. The kings mentioned in it, viz., Kōṭṭabhañja, his son Vibhramatunga, and the two sons of the latter, viz.. Narēndrabhañja and Raṇabhañja, belong to what has been called the second group of Bhañja kings by Mr. R. D. Banerji. This group is now known to us from the following eight copper-plate grants, though Mr. Banerji knew only the first three of them.

- 1. Bāmanghāṭi² plate of Raṇabhañja.3
- 2. Khandadēulī plate of Ranabhañja.1
- 3. Bāmanghāṭi² plate of Rājabhañja.3
- 4. Ukhunda plate of Prithvībhañja.5
- 5. Kēśari plate of Śatrubhañja6 (re-edited below, C).
- 6-7. Two Ādipur copper-plates of Narēndrabhañjadēva (edited below, A and B).
- 8. Ādipur copper-plate of Durjayabhañjadēva.7

The first two Grants now edited (Nos. 6-7) closely resemble Nos. 1-4 and possess all the special characteristics which distinguish them from those of the other Bhañja kings. As a matter of fact the texts of the historical portion of all these Grants (except Nos. 5 and 8) seem to have been derived from a common draft, though slight modifications have been introduced here and there. No. 5 contains some important additions which are not to be found in others, while No. 8 omits altogether the traditional account of the origin of the family.

All these records (except No. 8) begin with a reference to Vīrabhadra, the Ādi-Bhañja or the First Bhañja. also called Gaṇadaṇḍa. He is said to have come out of an egg of pea-hen in the hermitage called Kōṭyāśrama and was brought up by the sage Vaśishṭha. Only No. 5 adds a few more details, particularly that he was the lord of 88,000 villages. All the records (except No. 8) refer next to Kōṭṭabhañja who must be regarded as the first historical king of the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> R. D. Banerji, History of Orissa, Vol. I, p. 178.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Grant is also known as Jamdapir plate from its findspot (above, Vol. XVIII, pp. 300-1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Nos. I and 3 were originally edited by Babu Pratāpa Chandra Ghōsha in J. A. S. B., Vol. XL, pp. 161ff., and subsequently re-edited by Babu Nagendranāth Vasu in the Archaeological Survey of Mayurbhanja, Vol. I, pp. 141ff. A stanza engraved on the pedestal of an image, now in the Khiching Museum, refers to a king called Rāyabhañja who may be the same as this king Rājabhañja (Ann. Rep. Arch. Survey, 1922-3, p. 128). But it contains no historical information. According to Mr. R. D. Banerji this Rāyabhañja was a different king (Orissa, p. 183).

<sup>4</sup> Edited by MM. H. P. Sastri in J. B. O. R. S., Vol. IV, p. 172.

<sup>5</sup> Indian Historical Quarterly, Vol. XIII, pp. 427 ff.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid., pp. 429 f.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Below, pp. 172 f.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> For these characteristics cf. Banerji, op. cit., p. 180. Annals of the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Vol. XII, pp. 231 ff.

<sup>9</sup> Ins. No. 8 applies some of these epithets to Ranabhañja.

<sup>10</sup> Mr. Misra, who edits the plate, translates the passage as follows: "..... Vîrabhadra who formerly was busily engaged by \$8,000 sages, and in view of their request Rāmadēva served him and then made him the lord of \$8,000 villages". This meaning is very doubtful. The word read as "muni" is probably "sūnu". Cf. C. chited below.

family known to us. The names of the successors of Kôṭṭabhañja are, however, given differently in the different plates (Nos. 1-8).

In No. 1 the genealogy is given as follows:-

Kōṭṭabhañja | Digbhañja | Raṇabhañja.

In No. 4 Raṇabhañja is said to have been born in the family of Kōṭṭabhañja, and no mention is made of Digbhañja. The son of Raṇabhañja is Pṛithvībhañja. The genealogy may therefore be described as follows:—

No. 5 gives the following genealogy:-

alogy :—

Kōṭṭabhañja
|
Dʊrjayabhañja
|
Raṇabhañja
|
Satrubhañja
|
(yuvarāja) Narēndrabhañja.

In No. 6 the genealogy is given as follows:—

Kōṭṭabhañja | Vibhramatuṅga |

Ranabhañja.

Narendrabhañja.

In No. 7 we find the same genealogy, though the relationship of Raṇabhañja with the other kings is not clearly stated.

No. 8 gives us the following genealogy:

Mahūrājādhirāja Raņabhañja | Vibhramatuṅga | (yuvarāja) Kōttabhañja.

The genealogies given in Nos. 2 and 3 have been interpreted differently and a short discussion is necessary to explain the different points of view.

No. 2 mentions Kōṭṭabhañja, his son Digbhañja, and the latter's son Raṇabhañja, and so far it agrees with No. 1. But after Raṇabhañja it adds two more names in the following passage: tasya ch=ō(au)payī(i)k-ātmajaḥ śrī-Prithvībhañja-snta-śrī-Narēndrabhañjadēvō bhūtaḥ. In addition to the two emendations noted within brackets, MM. H. P. Śāstrī, who edited the record, made a further emendation by omitting the visarga in ātmajaḥ'. He, therefore, translated the passage as follows:—

<sup>&</sup>quot;His reputed son Prithvībhañja, whose son Narendrabhañja was born."

Mr. C. C. Das Gupta differed from this view and offered the following translation:-

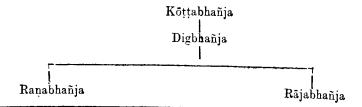
"And his (Ranabhañja's) 'aupayika', i.e., adopted son is Narendrabhañja, the son of Prithvībhañja, i.e., Raṇabhañja adopted as his son Narendrabhañja, the son of Prithvībhañja".1 In view of the two new Grants, Nos. 4 and 5, the interpretation of MM. H. P. Śāstrī appears to be preferable. Apart from this there is a further difficulty; for the exact connection of Narendrabhañja with the record is not quite clear. MM. H. P. Sastrī says that Prithvībhañja was not 'a son born in lawful wedlock', but 'may have been one of the twelve classes of sons allowed by Hindu law', and he suggests that 'Ranabhañja made the grant on the occasion of the birth of a grandson named Narendrabhañja'. On the other hand Rai Bahadur Hiralal is of opinion that the Khandadēulī plate really records a grant of Narendrabhanja and not of his grandfather Raṇabhañja.º Mr. R. D. Banerji differs from this view and accepts that of MM. H. P. Sastrī. But the fact that the seal of the plate contains the name Narendrabhañja supports the view of Rai Bahadur Hiralal. A further argument may be cited in support of this view. The donee of this grant is the great-grandson of Bhattaputra Trivikrama. No. 6 records a grant by king Ranabhañja to Bhattaputra Trivikrama. If these two identical names refer to the same person it is more likely that the donor of No. 2 is a grandson of Ranabhañja rather than Ranabhañja himself.

In No. 3 the name of the successor of Köṭṭabhañja and the father of Rājabhañja who issued the Grant has been read as Raṇabhañja both by Mr. Pratāpa Chandra Ghosh and by Mr. Nagendra Nath Vasu who edited the plate. This reading has been generally accepted, and it gives us the following genealogy:—



This genealogy has been reconciled with that given in Nos. 1 and 2 by supposing that the name of Digbhañja, son of Kōṭṭabhañja and father of Raṇabhañja, has been omitted through oversight.

Mr. C. C. Das Gupta has justly drawn our attention to the fact that the word 'Raṇabhañja' cannot be read on the published facsimile. The first letter is undoubtedly 'ra' but the other letters cannot be clearly read, and in any case there is no 'na' following 'ra'. He suggests that this word was misengraved for Digbhañja and constructs the following genealogy from Nos. 1 and 3.5



<sup>1</sup> Annals, Bh. Or. Res. Ins., Vol. XII, p. 235.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Above, Vol. XVIII, p. 293.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Op. cit., p. 183. Curiously enough, on the preceding page Mr. Banerji says: "The actual graut was made by Narendrabhañja".

<sup>4</sup> Above, Vol. XVIII, p. 293, f. n. 1.

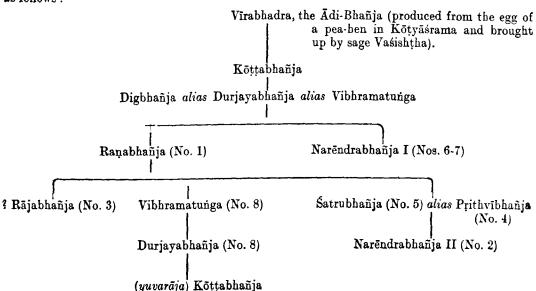
Annals, Bh. Or. Res. Ins., Vol. XII, pp. 234-5.

At first sight the different genealogical accounts seem to be hopelessly conflicting and any attempt to reconcile them may justly be regarded as a vain and fruitless task. But there are some points of agreement in the majority of records which might give us a clue to the ultimate solution of the problem.

All the records are unanimous, firstly, in their accounts of the origin of the founder of the family, Vîrabhadra, from the egg of a pea-hen in the hermitage of Vasishtha known as Kōtyāsrama; and secondly, in regarding Köttabhañja as the first historical ruler. Here the unanimity ends. But with the exception of Nos. 3 and 4 all the other records represent Ranabhañja as the grandson of Kottabhanja, and as the statement in No. 4 is not in conflict with this view, we may accept it as an established fact. The name of the father of Ranabhañja is given as Digbhañja in Nos. 1 and 2, Durjayabhañja in No. 5, and Vibhramatunga in No. 6. There would thus appear to be three different kings bearing the same name Raṇabhañja. But on the other hand we should remember that all of them ruled in Khijjinga, and all of them evidently were contemporaries, being grandsons of the same king. This is specifically proved in respect of two of them as they issued Grants in the years 288 (No. 1) and 293 (No. 6). Three grandsons of the same king, bearing the same name, and ruling in the same locality at the same time (or at least within a few years of each other), may not be theoretically impossible, but must be regarded as very unusual indeed. We may, therefore, reasonably infer the identity of the three kings bearing the name Ranabhañja. This would imply also the identity of Digbhañja, Durjayabhañja and Vibhramatunga, though it must be regarded as very unusual that the same king should have been referred to by three different names in the official records of the family.

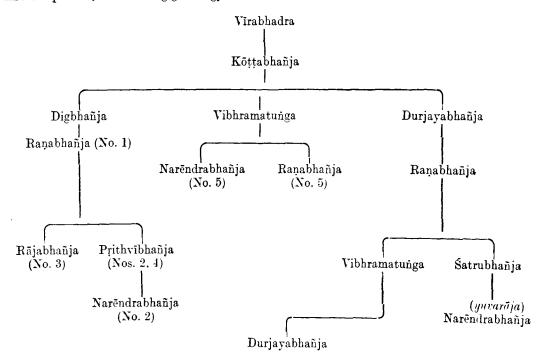
Then, again, according to MM. Śāstri's interpretation of No. 2, Raṇabhañja had a son (aupayika or reputed) named Pṛithvībhañja and the latter's son was Narēndrabhañja. Now No. 4 confirms the first part of the statement, viz., that Raṇabhañja had a son called Pṛithvībhañja, and No. 5, the second part of the statement, viz., that he had a grandson called Narēndrabhañja. No. 5, however, gives Satrubhañja as the name of the father of Narēndrabhañja, and the only way of reconciling Nos. 2, 4, and 5 is to identify Satrubhañja with Pṛithvībhañja.

On the basis of the above hypotheses we may draw up the genealogy of the family tentatively as follows:—



Although this genealogy of the family cannot be regarded as finally settled, the above represents, I believe, the most reasonable inference that can be drawn from the data at present available to us.

If we reject the proposed identifications, and treat the kings with different names as so many different persons, the resulting genealogy would be as follows:—



It is unnecessary to discuss here the history of the other Bhañja kings known from copper-plate grants; no connection or relationship between them and the Bhañja kings discussed above has yet been established. The late Rai Bahadur Hiralal upheld the view that all the known Bhañja kings belonged to one single family.¹ but this theory has been shown to be untenable by Mr. R. D. Banerji² and Mr. C. C. Das Gupta.³

As to the **status** of these kings, the late Mr. R. D. Banerji laid much stress on the fact that the kings of this group bore no royal titles. "The absence of any title", says Mr. Banerji, "at a time when even petty kings had assumed the imperial titles of the Gupta period, is extremely significant. It proves that the second group of Bhañja kings were subordinates to some higher power". The title  $Mah\bar{a}r\bar{a}ja$  applied to Ranabhañja in the two Grants (Nos. 6, 7) edited below, and the title  $Mah\bar{a}r\bar{a}j\bar{a}dhrr\bar{a}ja$  applied to the same king (or another king of the same name) in Ins. No. 8, prove the erroneous character of Mr. Banerji's assumption. For he himself concluded, from the assumption of the title  $Mah\bar{a}r\bar{a}ja$  by Ranabhañja of the first group, that he was an independent king. And we may equally presume that Ranabhañja of the second group

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Above, Vol. XVIII, p. 286.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> History of Orissa, Vol. I, p. 179.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Annals, Bh. Or. Res. Ins., Vol. XII, pp. 231 ff.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> History of Orissa, Vol. I, p. 181. Dr. H. C. Ray also holds the same view, cf. Dynastic History of Northern India, Vol. I, p. 423.

<sup>5</sup> History of Orissa, Vol. I, p. 166.

was also an independent king. Indeed in this respect the fact that a ruler issues land grants with a distinctive royal seal of his own is a far stronger evidence in support of his status as a de tacto independent ruler than mere assumption of royal or imperial titles. It would be more reasonable, therefore, to regard the Bhañja kings, who issued royal charters with their own seals, as independent rulers, at least for all practical purposes, irrespective of the question whether they assumed royal and imperial titles or not.

The Grant No. 5 refers to Vîrabhadra as Chakravarti-samaḥ or 'like an emperor', gives the titles 'Mahāmaṇḍal-ādhipati-Mahārājādhirāja-Paramēśvara' to Satrubhañjadēva, and calls him the lord of eighty-eight thousand (villages). This is also an indication of the power and independence of the Bhañja kings of this group.

As to the period when these kings flourished we have two specific dates of Raṇabhañja, viz., Samvat 288 (No. 1) and Samvat 293¹ (No. 6). The era to which these dates are to be referred is not easy to determine. Mr. B. C. Mazumdar held that the alphabets of the records could not be earlier than the tenth century A.D., and referred the year 288 to the Gāṇga Era, which began according to him in 778 A.D.² This view was accepted by Mr. R. D. Banerji³ and Mr. C. C. Das Gupta.⁴ Many scholars, however, now hold that the epoch of the Gāṇga Era is to be placed in the sixth century A.D. or at the close of the fifth century A.D.⁵ Accordingly, king Raṇabhañja has to be placed towards the close of the eighth or in the ninth century A.D. Mr. Binayak Misra refers the date to the Harsha Era.⁶ That would place Raṇabhañja towards the close of the ninth century A.D. The palaeographic evidence, as noted above, does not militate against this view.²

Assuming that the Harsha era was used, the date of the present Grant would be A.D. 899, and Ranabhañja must have been on the throne during the years 894-899 A.D. The rule of the Bhañja dynasty of Mayūrbhanj from Kōṭṭabhañja to Narēndrabhañja II may thus be placed between 850 and 950 A.D.

Utkala or Orissa was conquered by Dēvapāla in the first half of the ninth century A.D. This must have brought about the political disintegration of the kingdom, and as soon as the Pāla power was weakened by the middle of the ninth century A.D., local feudal chiefs found a good opportunity to carve out independent kingdoms for themselves. The rise of the Bhañja family to power may be explained in this way.

The Capital of these kings was undoubtedly Khijjinga, modern Khiching (situated about ninety miles to the west of Bāripadā the present Capital of Mayūrbhanj) which contains extensive ruins and has yielded a large number of fine medieval sculptures. All the Grants, except Nos. 5 and 8, refer to Khijjinga as the place of residence of the king. The village granted in No. 5 is situated in Urtti-vishaya, and this district, according to the present Grant, was included in

¹ The numerical symbol used to denote 200 is 'lu'. Kielhorn, in his List of Northern Inscriptions, expressed a doubt about the correctness of this interpretation (Above, Vol. V, App. p. 88, n. 6). Buhler's chart, however, gives the value 200 for the symbol (Pl. IX, Col. XVIII). Subsequently, Kielhorn also changed his view and took the symbol as denoting 200 (Above, Vol. VI, p. 134). This is now generally accepted (History of Orissa, Vol. I, p. 181).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> J. B. O. R. S., Vol. II, p. 361.

<sup>3</sup> Op. eit., p. 181.

<sup>4</sup> Annals, Bh. Or. Res. Ins., Vol. XII, p. 245.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Indian Culture, Vol. IV, pp. 171 ff.; J. A. H. R. S., Vol. V, pp. 272-4; Ind. Ant., Vol. LXI (1932), p. 237.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> I. H. Q., Vol. XIII, p. 427. Mr. Misra says that this was also the view of Kielhorn. He does not, however, give any reference, and I cannot find any in support of this statement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Bühler in his *Palaeographic Chart* places the alphabet of the Bāmanghāṭi Ins. of Raṇabhañja in the 9th century A.D. (Plate IX, Col. XVIII.)

Khijjinga (Khijjinga-pratibaddha). The villages granted by the records seem to indicate that the kingdom of this group of Bhañja kings corresponded roughly to the present states of Mayūrbhanj and Keonjhar which are still ruled by chiefs bearing names ending in Bhañja. The name Mayūrabhañja undoubtedly preserves the tradition that the Bhañja family originated from the egg of a mayūrī (pea-hen), and the legends that the ancestor was born out of an egg of peahen and nursed by the sage Vasishtha are to be found in the records of the present ruling family. It is, therefore, very probable that the present Bhañja chiefs are descended from the group of Bhañja kings referred to above.

An attempt has been made to connect this Bhañja family with the famous Maurya clan, and even to identify Vîrabhadra, the traditional founder of the family, with the Maurya emperor Chandragupta. The suggestion which rests mainly on the following grounds was first made by Mr B. Misra while editing No. 5<sup>2</sup> (re-edited below as C.).

- 1. The  $May\bar{u}ra$ -origin of the family really indicates an association with the Moriya clan, Moriya being the Prākrit form of  $May\bar{u}ra$ .
- 2. According to the Pāli *Mahāvagga*, the dominion of Bimbisāra embraced 80.000 townships. It is needless to say that the same dominion was included in the empire of Chandragupta. Evidently the lordship of Vīrabhadra over 88,000 villages (as recorded in No. 5) has some similarity with that of Chandragupta.
- 3. Ganadanda, the epithet of Vīrabhadra, means Republican Chief and signifies one whose army consisted of individuals combined for a definite object. If taken in this sense, Vīrabhadra may be supposed to have raised an army as Chandragupta did to overthrow the Nanda dynasty.

The arguments are wholly unconvincing. As regards the first, it refers merely to a totemic conception, and we need not necessarily find any historical allusion in it unless there are other valid grounds for doing so. As regards the second, the inference rests palpably on a very weak foundation. As to the third, Ganadanda has been interpreted by Rai Bahadur Hiralal as an officer of some Gana or Hindu Republic. He takes it to be an abbreviated form of Ganadandanāyaka or Gana-dandanāgala, i.e., either a minister or a commander of army. There is no justification for going further beyond this.

Of the localities mentioned in the inscription other than Khijjinga, Kōtyāśrama, the reputed hermitage of Vaśishtha where Vīrabhadra was born, has been identified with Kuting, thirty-two miles from Bāripadā.<sup>5</sup> Urtti-vishaya may be identified with a village called Urti in the Keonjhar State, about twelve miles to the north-west of Khiching, on the right bank of the river Vaitaranī. There is a village called Sorai near Urti,<sup>6</sup> and this may represent either of the two villages, Bṛihat-Sārāi and Svalpa-Sarāyi mentioned in the Grant. It is not also impossible that both the names referred to two parts of the same village distinguished by the prefixes brihat and svalpa (i.e., big and small) and that this entire village is now represented by Sorai.

<sup>1</sup> While recently visiting the Museum at Băripadā, I noticed the following documents: (1) Copy of a Sanad granted by Mahārājā Vīravikramāditya Bhañja in 1121 Amli (i.e., 1713-14 A.D.) in which the ancestor of the royal family is said to have been born of an egg of pea-hen and nursed by the sage Vasishtha. (2) A letter from the ruler of Talcher addressed to Lakshmī Nārāyaṇa Bhañja, ruler of Mayūrbhanj (1660 A.D.) containing reference to the same legends. Upēndra Bhañja, the famous poet of Orissa, who flourished about the end of the seventeenth century A.D., refers to these legends in respect of the kings of Mayūrbhanj.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> I. H. Q., Vol. XIII, pp. 420 ff.

<sup>3 [</sup>It may be pointed out that mora is the Pkt. form of mayura and Moriya that of Maurya. -Ed.]

<sup>4</sup> Above, Vol. XVIII, p. 289.

Above, Vol. XVIII, p. 300. But Mr. P. Acharya, the archaeologist of the Mayurbhanj State, rejects this identification on the ground that there are no remains of antiquities in the place.

<sup>•</sup> I am indebted to Mr. P. Acharya, the State Archaeologist of Mayūrbhanj, for the information about the discovery of Plates A and B and for the identification of villages mentioned in them.

The fact that the villages are situated on the right bank of the Vaitaraṇī river, in the State of Keonjhar, is of great importance, as it proves that at least a part, if not the whole, of this state was included within the dominions of the Bhañjas of Mayūrbhanj in the ninth or tenth century A.D. This in a way lends some support to the local tradition recorded by Hunter that Keonjhar originally formed part of Mayūrbhanj and was formed into a separate state about two centuries ago.<sup>1</sup>

The two copper-plates (Nos. 6 and 7) now edited being clearly engraved, enable us to correct some mistakes and remove some doubts about the reading and interpretation of the records of this group of Bhañja kings. MM. H. P. Śāstrī, while editing the Khaṇḍadēulī plate claimed to have corrected some mistakes. "For instance," observed he, "my predecessors read Kotyāśrama, but my plate distinctly says Kautsāśrama. They read the same word Suladaṇḍa in one plate and Svarṇadaṇḍa in another, but it is really Galad-aṇḍa, the breaking egg". The present records confirm the reading Kōṭyāśrama and show beyond doubt that the other word is really Gaṇa-daṇḍa, which also seems to be quite clear on the estampage of the Khaṇḍadōulī Inscription. In the three published records the adjective 'Khijjinga-Kōṭṭavāsī' is applied to Raṇabhañja and it has been taken to mean that the king was usually resident in Khijjinga. The corresponding expression in the present records is Khijjinga-kōṭṭ-ūdhivāsāt meaning that the Grant was issued from Khijjinga. This is the more usual expression used in land-grants, and there is hardly any doubt that it was the original form which was misconstrued in others.

#### TEXT.

[Metres: vv. 1-4, 6, Āryā; v. 5, Vasantatīlakā; vv. 7-9, Anushṭubh; v. 10, Drutavilambita; v. 11, Pushpītāgrā.]

#### Obverse.

- 1 Om² svasti [,\*] Sakala-bhuvan-aika-nāthō
- 2 bhava-bhaya-bhidurō Bhavō Bhavāni(nī)saḥ + vividha-samādhi-vi-
- 3 dhijnaḥ sarvvajnō vaḥ Śivāy=āstu ∦ [1]\* 3Āśi(sī)t=Kōṭyāśrama-ma-
- 4 hā-tapovanāt=māyūr-āṇḍam bhit[t\*]vā Gaṇa-daṇḍa-Vīrabhadr-ākhyaḥ [l\*]
- 5 pratipaksha-nidhana-dakshō Vasishtha-muni-pālitō nripa-
- 6 tih | [2]|\*] Tasy=Ādi-Bhañja-vaṅ(vaṁ)śē mānīs⁴-tyāgīr⁵-adaṇḍakaḥ khyā-
- 7 taḥ [1\*] śūraḥ śuchirzvinītō |6 jāta[ḥ\*] śrī-Kōt(tt)abhañj=ēti || [3 ||\*] Pu-
- 8 tras=tad-ānurūpa<sup>7</sup> | 6 śrēshṭhaḥ śrīmān=maśaksha<sup>8</sup>-sāmantaḥ [|\*] nṛi-
- 9 pati-śat-archchita-charaņo śrī9-Vibhramatungo jagat-prathi-
- 10 tah | [4||\*] Tasy=ātmajah Śma(Sma)ra-samō va(ba)lavān=varishthah śūrah
- 11 [samuna]nta10-yaśāḥ pravijitya śatrūm(n) l rājā Yudhisthira

<sup>2</sup> Expressed by a symbol.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Hunter's Orissa, Vol. II, App. III, p. 86.

<sup>3</sup> In this verse the words Kötyäśrama-mahā-tapövanāt must be left out in order to suit the metre. Read Asīn=māyūr-āndam etc.

<sup>4</sup> Read mani.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Read tyâgĩ.

<sup>6</sup> Danda unnecessary.

<sup>7</sup> Read =tad-ānurūpah.

<sup>\*</sup> This is probably a mistake for asamkhya.

<sup>9</sup> Omit śrî as in B for the sake of the metre.

<sup>10</sup> Read samunnata as in B below.

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- 12 riv=āvani¹-pālanē cha ² nityam rataḥ kuśala-karmma-vidhau
- 13 praśa(sa)ktah [||5||\*] Khijjinga-kõtt-ādhivāsāt |3 Hara-charan-ā-
- 14 rādhana-kshapita-pāpah srīmān=Narēndrabhanja-dēvah s-ā-
- 15 nunayam prāha bhūpālām(lān) l [6||\*] Khijjinga-prativaddhō(baddha) Urtti-visha-
- 16 va-sammandha<sup>5</sup>-Vri(Bri)hat-Sārāi-grām-ābhidhānō <sup>3</sup> grāmō-yam
- 17 pu(pū)rvva vidita-sīmāntah 2 Vāvbhi6-charaṇāya 2 Aślāya-
- 18 na7-śākhāya [2 Vachehha8-gotrāya |2 pañchā-rirshaya9-pravarā-
- 19 ya |2 Tilapudraka-vinigrata10- |2 bhattaputra-Si(Sī)tala[dēva]-
- 20 [śa]rmmaṇāya<sup>11</sup> | \* śa(sa)lila-dhārā[m\*] puraskṛity=ākaratvē[na vā]

# Reverse.

- 21 ..[māttā(tā)]-pitror=ātmana ....
- 22 ....ndatō=smābhiḥ puṇyasētun=dadāya12 [\*] yāvat=pṛi-
- 23 [thvi]dharmma-dākshinya(nya)tō vā l tāvat=kālam=pāla[nīyō]
- 24 bhavadbhih [||\*] uktañ=cha ddharmma¹³-śāstrē Va(Ba)hubhir=vvasudhā dattā
- 26 sya tasya tadā phalam(lam) | [7||\*] Mā bhūya phala-śankā vaḥ para-
- 27 dat-ēti pārthivām | svadattā phalam-āntam para-
- 28 datt-ānupālanē<sup>14</sup> || [8]\*] Sva-datta para-dattām=vā +² yō harēti
- 29 vasundharām<sup>15</sup> į sa vishthāyām krimir=bhūtvā ² pitribhih sa-
- 30 ha pachvatē | [9|\*] api cha[\*] Kshitir=iyam kulaț=ēva va(ba)hu-
- 31 privā | hata-śari(rī)ram=idañ=cha vini(na)śma(śva)ram(ram) ; su-kṛi[tam]
- 32 adva na chēta16 kṛi(kri)yatē dhruvam l² vipadi dhakshyati võ=
- 33 nusay-ānalaḥ | [10]\*] Iti kamala-dal-āmvu-vindu-llō-
- 34 lām17 śri(śri)yam=anuchintya manushya-jīvitañ=cha sakala-
- 35 m=idam=uddhritadbhi<sup>18</sup> vudhvām<sup>19</sup> <sup>2</sup> na hī purushai[ḥ\*] para-ki(kī)rtta-
- 36 yō vilōpyām(pyāḥ) || o || [11 \*] Likhitam Rājakula-Hēra-
- 37 mvē(mbē)ņ=ēti | o | Śrí-Vibhramatunga-sutēna Mahārāja-śrī-Raṇa-

- 4 Omit deva for the sake of the metre.
- 5 Read sambaddha ..
- 6 Read Bahvricha -.
- 7 Read Ásvalāyana.
- 8 Read Vatsa ..
- 9 Read Pancharshi -.
- 10 Read vinirgata -.
- 11 Read -sarmmane.

- 13 Read dharmma.
- 11 Read Mā bhūd=aphala-śankā vaḥ para-datt=ɛti pārthivāh ! sva-dattāt=phalam=ānantyam para-datt-ānup40
  - 15 Read Sva-dattām para-dattām vā yō harēta vasundharām.
  - 16 Read sukritam=adya na chēt.
  - 17 Read Iti kamala-dal-āmbu-bindu-lotām.
  - 18 Read udāhritan=cha.
  - 19 Read buddhvā.

<sup>1</sup> Read w=avani-.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Danda unnecessary.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The danda is unnecessary; to suit the metre we have to read kötta-väsäd=Dhara-, or Khijjinga-köttaväsi as in other inscriptions.

<sup>12</sup> Perhaps the correct reading is daltō=smābhih punya-sēl-ūdayāya. [The text from mātā to bhavadbhih seems to form a verse in Śālinī metre.—Ed.]

A.—Adipur Copper-Plate of Narendrabhanjadeva.

- 38 bhañja-dēvēna Uratti-vishav-āntahpāti Svalpa-Sarāyi-grāmah sali-
- 39 la-dhārā[m\*] puraskritya tāmra-śāsanēna bhattaputra-Trivikramāya pra-
- 40 dattah ato bhavishyad-rajabhih palaniva iti []
- 41 Samvat 200 90 3 Phālguna va di 1 likhitam kulaputraka-[Yaksha.....]3

## TRANSLATION.

Om svasti. (Verse 1) May the omniscient Bhava (Siva), who is the sole protector of all the worlds, the destroyer of the fear of re-birth, the lord of Bhavānī, and conversant with the rules of the various modes of meditation,—bring you prosperity.

- (V. 2) There was a king called Gaṇadaṇḍa (an officer in a republic?) Vīrabhadra, skilful in killing enemies, who burst out of an egg of a pea-hen in the great hermitage, called Kōṭyāśrama, and was brought up by the sage Vaśishtha.
- (V. 3) In the family of this first Bhañja (king) was born śrī-Kōṭṭabhañja, who was highly honoured, liberal, famous, brave, pure, and modest, and was averse to inflicting punishment (adaŋ-daka).
- (V. 4) Then there was his worthy son śrī-Vibhramatunga, who was famous in the world, most excellent, and endowed with beauty; who had numerous feudatories, and whose feet were worshipped by hundreds of kings.
- (Vv. 5-6) His son śrīmān Narēndrabhañjadēva—who was like cupid (in appearance), strong, weighty, and brave; who had acquired fame by defeating enemies; who, like king Yudbishthira, was constantly engaged in protecting the earth, and was extremely fond of performing good deeds; and whose sins were expiated by the worship of the feet of Hara;—from his residence at the fort of Khijjinga says respectfully to the kings:
- (Ll. 15-21) (There is) a village called **Bṛihat-Sārāi**, in the district (rishaya) of **Urtti**, situated close to the city of **Khijjiṅga**. This village, the boundaries of which are already known, is granted by me, free of rent, for the sake of (the religious merits of) my mother, father, and myself, with libations of water, to Bhaṭṭaputra **Śītaladēvaśarman** an emigrant from **Tilapudraka** and belonging to Bahvṛicha-charaṇa, Āśvalāyana-śākhā, Vatsa-gētra, and having the five rishis as his prararas (or the noble ancestors).
  - (Ll. 22-35 contain the usual imprecations.)
  - (L. 36) Written by the Rājakula Hēramba.
- (Ll. 37-40) By Mahārāja-śrī-Raṇabhañjadēva, son of śrī-Vibhramatuṅga, the village of Svalpa-Sarāyī in the district (vishaya) of Uratti has been granted to Bhaṭṭaputra Trivikrama, after sprinkling water and by a copper-plate deed. So this should be upheld by the future kings.
- (L. 41) The year 200 (and) 90 (and) 3; (the month) Phālguṇa; the dark fortnight; (the lunar) day 1.

Written by Kulaputraka Yaksha.

# B.—Ādipur Copper-plate of Narēndrabhanjadēva.

This is a single plate measuring about 10.6" by 8.8". It contains 38 lines of writing engraved on both sides. The engraver at first deliberately left a margin of about 3 inches at the top on the reverse side, but later, as the inscription could not be contained in the remaining part, he engraved the concluding portion in this space with the letters written in an opposite direction. This is a very natural and common method in letter-writing of the present day, but seems to be

<sup>1</sup> Read ato.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>[There seem to be only two letters at the end; the reading may, therefore, be Yakshên zêti.—Ed.]

rather unusual in respect of engraving copper-plates. The original plate contained a circular projection at the middle of the top, and to this was later soldered a circular seal with a diameter of about 3". It bears the legend "Srīmān=Narī(rē)ndrabhañ)adērasya" in a single line. Above the legend are the figures of a crescent with a conch below, and underneath it is the figure of a humped bull above a floral design, resembling those in the Plate A noticed above. The edge of the seal is turned up so as to form a raised rim all round. A portion of the back of the seal had to be cut away, as otherwise some letters, already engraved on the reverse of the plate, would have been hidden by it. This is an important and interesting point. For, as in Plate A, this portion of the plate contains, like a post-script, a short record about the donation of king Ranabhañja. It is obvious that it was not a later addition, but was already engraved before the royal seal was attached.

The plate was found in the possession of one Sira Dās of the Adipur village, the same person from whom Plate A was obtained. According to the statement of Sira Dās it was found some eighty years ago, and kept concealed in a house which was washed away by the flood of 1927 and hence abandoned. It was again brought to light some six years ago while digging the earth in that deserted plot. The plate is now in the Museum, at Bāripadā. The Curator of the Museum, Mr. P. Acharya, who supplied me with the above account, kindly gave me the plate on loan, and I am editing it from the original.

The plate is in a fair state of preservation, except that a small portion of the edge, on both sides, along the length of the plate has been corroded, with the result that some letters at the beginning and the end of a number of lines have been rendered indistinct or altogether effaced.

The language is Sanskrit and the alphabhet closely resembles that used in Inscription A. As a matter of fact the record is a close copy of that record with a few modifications. The only important additions are: (1) some additional conventional concessions in the formal portion of the grant (ll. 16-17), and (2) one additional imprecatory verse (ll. 29-30). These are, however, well-known phrases and occur in other Orissa records and the verse occurs in another grant of this family (cf. C below).

The author's knowledge of Sanskrit was rather poor, though he has avoided some of the glaring mistakes of A. As the errors and orthographic peculiarities in the two records are very similar, these need not be noticed in detail.

The inscription records the grant of the village **Śarapadraka** in the **Kērakēra**-vishaya by king **Narēndrabhañja** whose genealogy is given in the same words as in A. The donee, whose name I doubtfully read as Bhaṭṭa **Dēvadēvadāma**¹, migrated from **Ōḍra**-vishaya and was evidently associated (in a manner which is not quite clear) with the village **Rāmaparkaṭi** in the **Khijjiṅga**-maṇḍala². The grant was made on the day on which the summer solstice began (Ravisamhramaṇa-vilāyām). The second record, at the end, refers to the grant of a village by Raṇabhañṭa. The name of the village may be doubtfully read as **Pāḍēvā**, but there may be another letter at the beginning.

Of these localities Kērakēra is still the name of a village in Ghoshdapir in Ādipur Pargaṇā, situated about twelve miles to the South-South East of Khiching. It is shown as Kerkera in the Indian Sheet Atlas (Scale 1"=4 miles, sheet 73 G). Near by is a village called Soras in the same sheet and this may be the same as Śarapadraka. The village called Saradaha in Karanjia Pargaṇā may also be the modern representative of Śarapadraka. Rāmaparkaṭi may be identified with the village called Ramasahi in Kiapir in Joshipur Pargaṇā. I am unable to identify Pāḍēvā. The

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> [See p. 160, n. 10 below.—Ed.]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>[To me it appears that the donee was a resident of the village Rāmaparkati in Khijjinga-mandala and that he originally hailed from Āllāvadraha, a Brahmin village (? Bhaṭṭa-grāma) in the Oḍra-vishaya.—Ed.]

mention of **Ödra**-rishaya is very interesting, showing that the name which was afterwards applied to the whole province was as yet confined only to a small region and originally denoted only a small district.

The history of Narēndrabhañja and his predecessors has already been discussed. As noted above, the inscription also records, at the end, the grant of a village by Bhañja Mahārāja-Raṇabhañja. The word immediately preceding this seems to be clearly naptā or grandson. Unfortunately, the word of three letters before naptā, although very clearly engraved, cannot be read with certainty. The first and third letters are 'ā' and 'va', but the letter in the middle is a peculiar one, and looks like sai or stai, none of which, however, gives any sense. In any case, for the present, Raṇabhañja of this short record must be identified with king Raṇabhañja, a similar short record of whom is engraved at the end of Plate A. It is very curious that a short record of this king was in both these instances added as a sort of post-script to the record of Narēndrabhañja. In the present case, at any rate, we are tolerably certain, by the position of the last few letters of the plate in respect of the back part of the seal, that the whole record was engraved before the seal was attached, i.e., during the reign of king Narēndrabhañja. The only reasonable conclusion seems to be that Raṇabhañja was a predecessor of Narēndrabhañja, and an earlier grant made by him, perhaps to the same donee or to his family, was repeated in brief at the end at the latter's request, so that the same plate might serve him as a charter for both the grants.

One peculiarity in the text of this grant requires special mention. In all the copper-plate grants of this family of kings, the word kuśali or kuśalinah, generally added as an adjective of the king in the prose portion, immediately after his proper name, is omitted, and in most of them the words s-ānunayam prāha bhūpūlān take the place of the usual verbs mānayati būdhayati samādīšatī. In the present grant we have all these three combined, with the exception only of samādīšatī.

Attention may be drawn to the expression 'Sira-charana-sarōja-shatpada' (l. 13) used with reference to Narēndrabhañja. The corresponding expression in A is 'Hara-charan-ārādhana-kshapita-pāpaḥ' (ll. 13-14). These prove that king Narēndrabhañja was a devoted worshipper of Siva. The invocation to Siva at the beginning also shows that the family was Saiva. The discoveries at Khiching fully corroborate this. The finest image unearthed from the ruins at Khiching is that of a standing Siva which was no doubt installed in the main temple whose magnificent ruins have been laid bare by recent excavations.

# TEXT.

[The metres are noted above in connection with A, but the verses 2 and 3 are defective as some words have been left out as pointed out in the footnotes.]

Obverse.

- 1 Svasti [ \*]
- 2 Čin² namõ Avighnēśvarāyaḥ³ || Sakala-bhuvan=aika-nā-
- 3 thō bhava-bhaya-bhidurō Bhavō Bhavām(nī)saḥ [\*] vividha-samādhi-vi-

<sup>1 [</sup>It is difficult to believe that Ragabhañja of the postscript grants in A and B was a predecessor of Narindrabhañja. It is not impossible that a portion of the back of the seal of B had to be cut away to make room for the last line of the subsidiary record for which no other space was available. In Il. 36-37 B clearly states that the subsidiary grant was inserted in the original grant (itasminn=ēca śāsanē prakshipyn). The dact of writing in these additional grants is quite different from that of the original grants. The writer in the two additional grants appears to be the same person, viz., Yakshadatta and the donor is also the same Ravabhañja in both. The reading in I. 35 of B is āsaiva naptrā. If āsaiva stands for asy=aiva, the person referred to must be the first ruler mentioned in the original grant. i.e., Kōṭṭabhañja whose grandson Raṇabhañja was. - Ed.]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> There is a symbol preceding Om.

<sup>3</sup> Read namō=' vighnēśvarāya.

- 4 dhijňō(jňaḥ) sarvajňō vaḥ śivāy=āstu  $\| [1^*] \bar{A}$ śi(sī)t=**Kōṭyā**śrama-
- 5 mahātapovanān'=māyūr-āṇḍam bhitvā2 Gaṇa-daṇḍa-Vīrabhadr-ākhya[h\*] [\*]
- 6 ksha<sup>3</sup> -nidhana-dakshō Vasishtha-muni-pālitō nripati[h\*] 1 [12,\*] Tasv=**Ādi-Bhari-**
- 7 ja-vańśē(vaṁśē) māni(nī) tyāgi(gī) adaṇḍaka[ḥ\*] khāta(khyātaḥ) [\*] jātō(taḥ) śrī-Kōṭṭa-bhaṁjō=pī [\*3 \*\*]
- 8 Putras=tad-ānurūpah śrēshṭhaḥ śrīmān=asanksha(samkhya)-sāmantaḥ nṛipati-śa-
- 9 t-ārchchita-charaņō Vibhramatungō jagat-prathitah | [4 |\*] Tasy=ātmajaḥ
- 10 Smara-samō va(ba)lavān=varī(ri)shthah śūrah samunnata-yaśā yudhi ni-
- 11 rjjit-ārih rājā Yudhisthira iv =āvani-pālanē cha nityam ratah
- 12 kuśala-karmma-vidhau praśa(sa)ktah |[ 5 \*] Khijjinga-kōtt-ādhivāsakāt [|\*]
- 13 Asi(si)-dhār-ārjjita-kīrttih Siva-charaņa-sarōja-shatpadah śrī[mā-
- 14 n] | ripu-vanitā-vaidhavya-da-Narēndrabhañja-kuśali(lī) jagata(t)-khyā[taḥ ||\*]6
- 15 sānunayam prā[ha\*] bhūpālān yath-ārham mānayati vō(bō)dha[ya]ti **Kērakē-**
- 16 ra-vishaya-prativa(ba)[ddha]-Śarapadraka-grāmaś=chatuḥ-sīmā-paryantaḥ ś-ō-
- $17 \quad parī(r_1)kara \cdot s \cdot \bar{o}d(dd)\bar{e}\acute{s}a \cdot sa \cdot tantravāya \cdot g\bar{o} \cdot k\bar{u} \dot{t}a \cdot \acute{s}au\dot{\eta}d\bar{\iota}(\dot{\eta}\dot{q}_1)k \cdot \bar{a}d\bar{\iota}(di)ka\dot{m} \quad pr\bar{a} \cdot \bar{a}d\bar{\iota}(di)ka\dot{m} \quad pr\bar{a}d\bar{\iota}(di)ka\dot{m} \quad pr\bar{\iota}(di)ka\dot{m} \quad pr\bar{\iota}(di)$
- 18 [kṛi]tıka-sarvva-piḍā-varjjit-ālēkhani(nī)-pravēśatayā bhūmī(mi)chchhī(chchhi)dr-ā-

# Reverse.

- 19 pi(bhi)dh[ā]na-nvāyēn=āchandr-ārkka-kshiti-sama-ka(kā)la[m\*] mātā-pitrōr=ātmanaḥ [ya]-
- 20 sah-puny-abhivriddha[yē] | Ödra-vishayē Bhattagrāma Āllavida . . . . 7
- 21 nirggatah Khijjinga-mandalasya Rāmaparkaţi-grāma-śāsa
- 22 Vyavbhricha-charaṇāya<sup>8</sup> Vatsa-gōtra-pañchārshaya<sup>9</sup>-Ya(Ja)madagnī(gni)-pravara(rāya) bhaṭṭa-
- 23  $\mathbf{D}[\tilde{\mathbf{e}}^*]$ vadēvadāma(ḥ)10 bhaṭṭa-[**V**aḍḍha]kā¹¹dāma-suta(sutāya) Ravisaṅkramaṇa-vēlāyāṅi
- 24 hast-ödakēna tāmra-śāsanīkņity=ākshaya-ni(nī)vi-dharmmēņ=ākaratvē-
- 25 na pratipādītō smābhiḥ tad=ēś(sh)=āsmad-[d\*]attir=ddharmma-gauravād=bha-
- 26 vadbhih paripālani(nī)yā uktaĥ=cha dharmma-sā(śā)strē [ $^{+*}$ ] Va(Ba)hubhir=vasudhā da-
- 27 ttā rājabhiḥ Sagar-ādibhiḥ yasya yasya yadā bhūmi[s\*]-tasya tasya tadā
- 28 phalam(lam) [ 6 \*] Mā bhuḥ(bhūd=a)phala-śankā va[ḥ\*] para-datt=ēti pārthivāḥ l sva-dattāt phalam =ā-
- 29 nantyam para-datt-ānupālanē i [ $[7]_3*]$ Sva-dattā[m] para-dattām=vā(ttām vā) |  $^{12}$ yō harēta vasundharām(rām) = [\*]

¹ To suit the metre omit Kölyāśrama-mahātapôvanān= as in A.

<sup>2</sup> Read bhittea. There is a sign after this which is redundant.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Read pratipuksha as in A, the first three syllables of which have obviously been dropped through mistake in this record.

<sup>4</sup> The words śūrah śuchir=rrinitō occurring in A have been left out before jātō(taḥ) through inadvertence.

 $<sup>^{5}</sup>$  A has pranjitya śatrū $\dot{m}(n)$ .

<sup>6</sup> This seems to be a verse in Giti metre.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>[ To me the reading appears to be Allîvadraha-vinirggatah(tāya).—Ed.]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Read Bahrricha. [Reading after grāma seems to be šāsasta-rāstavya-Va(Ba)hvricha-. Šāsasta may be a mistake for šāsana in which case Rāmaparkați, the residence of the donee, would be an agrahāra or a gift village.—Ed.]

<sup>9</sup> Read pañcharshi or pañch-arsheya.

<sup>10 [</sup> I think the name of the donee is Dēvadāman. The syllables Dava at the beginning of the line seem to have been wrongly written and may be considered superfluous. Read Dēvadāmnē.—Ed.]

<sup>11</sup> The reading of this name is very doubtful.

<sup>12</sup> Danda unnecessary.

Obverse.

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- 30 sa vishțhāyām kṛimi[r\*]=bhūtvā pitribhih saha pachyatē | [18 ]\*] Haratē hāratē(yēd) bhūmim [manda]-
- 31 [bu\*][ddhi][s\*]=tamā(mō)vritō(taḥ) [\*] sa va(ba)ddhō vāruņī-[pā\*]śā=ēva tṛigayyōnī shu¹ jāyatē l [ + 9 | \*] Iti ka-
- 32 mala-dal-āmvu(mbu)-vi(bi)ndu-lōlām śrī(śri)yam=anuchintya manushya-[jīvitañ=cha] []\*]
- 33 [saka]lam=idam=udāhṛitañ=cha l² vuddhā(buddhvā) na hi purushaiḥ para-kīrttayō³ vilō-
- 34 pyāh | [10 ]\*] Itī(ti) tāmbra śāsana-vitāni-bhānda kāryvah |
- 35 Õm<sup>6</sup> svasti [[\*] äsaiva<sup>7</sup> [na]ptä Bhañja-mahārāja-śrī-Raṇabhañjadēvēna
- 36 Pādēvā8-grāmaś-chatuh-sīmā-paryantah ētasma(smi)nn=ēva tāmra-śāsa-
- 37 në prakshipva salila-dhara-purahsarëna pratipadito bhavadbhih
- 38 paripālanīyah | khanitam Yakshadattēn=ēti

# C.-Kēśari Copper-plate of Śatrubhańjadēva.

This is a single plate measuring  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " by  $6\frac{1}{2}$ ". It contains twenty-four lines of writing engraved on both sides. A circular seal, a little more than  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " in diameter, is attached to the middle of the top of the plate on its longer side. It contains one line of legend with the figure of a couchant bull below, and there are figures of a trident and a crescent respectively on the upper right and upper left of the bull. The edge of the seal is turned up so as to form a raised rim all round.

The record was first published with a text and English translation by Mr. Binayak Misra in Indian Historical Quarterly, Vol. XIII, pp. 429 f. and 431. According to him it was discovered by a Ho servant of Arjun Giri at Kēśari, 10 miles north-west of Khiching. The plate is now in the Bāripadā Museum. I am indebted to Mr. P. Acharya for having kindly lent the original plate for re-editing it.

The plate is in a good state of preservation. The alphabet belongs to the Northern type and resembles that used in Plates A and B edited above. The language is Sanskrit. As regards metre, orthography, and the author's knowledge of Sanskrit, the remarks made in connection with Plate A apply equally well in this case, and detailed notices are unnecessary.

The inscription records the grant of the village of Syallāmāyi in the Urtti district by Mahāmandalādhipati-Mahārājādhirāja-Paramēśvara Satrubhañjadēva, lord of eighty-eight thousand (villages). He was the son of Raṇabhañja, grandson of Durjayabhañja, and great-grandson of Kōṭṭabhañja. Reference is made to Vīrabhadra's birth, as in Plates A and B. Some additional information is, however, given about this Vīrabhadra in Il. 3-5 which is not to be found in the other records of the family. The exact meaning of the passage is obscure, as the grammatical construction seems to be faulty. It begins with a reference to Vīrabhadra's eighty-eight thousand sons (and not sages as interpreted by Mr. Misra). What follows seems to indicate that on account of the prayer of these sons Vīrabhadra was protected (sēvitaḥ) by Rāmadēva and made lord of eighty-eight thousand villages. Rāmadēva is no doubt the god Rāma. The phrase Rāmadēvēna

- 1 Read vāruņaih pāśais=tiryyag-yōnishu.
- <sup>2</sup> Danda unnecessary.
- <sup>3</sup> There is a superfluous na after yō.
- 4 Read tâmra.
- The reading of the word is very doubtful. The word vitā ni-bhānda can be clearly read but offers no meaning. There is a letter ka written just below the space between the last two letters.
  - <sup>6</sup> Expressed by a symbol.
  - <sup>7</sup> The second letter looks like sai but the word offers no meaning. [See above, p. 159, n. 1.—Ed.]
  - \* A letter may have been effaced at the beginning of this line.
- °[ According to my reading only one son, who was protected by Rāmadēva, seems to have been favoured with this gift. See p. 162 n. 13 below.—Ed.]

 $s\bar{e}vitah$ , can therefore be hardly interpreted as 'served by Rāmadēva' as translated by Mr. Misra. According to the dictionary, the root ' $s\bar{e}v$ ' also means 'to protect,' and I have taken that interpretation. The word ' $vy\bar{a}pitah$ ' is also a difficult one. I think v is a mistake for dh (which resembles it very closely) and the word ' $dhy\bar{a}pitah$ ' has been used to indicate that the eighty-eight thousand sons were made to perform meditations ( $dhy\bar{a}na$ ) in order to please Rāmadēva and obtain the boon from him.

The very important and far-reaching conclusions of Mr. Misra based on the above data have already been discussed above.<sup>1</sup> The only other information of historical character supplied by the record is the mention of two members of the royal family viz.. Anakaḥdēvī (perhaps a mistake for Anakadēvī), the chief queen, and Narēndrabḥañja, the Yuvarāja (ll. 12-13), and of a number of officers (ll. 13-14).

Attention may be drawn to the expression Bhaqavad-bhatṭāraka-Śaṅkaraṁ samuddiśya occurring in ll. 14-15. The reference may be to the great Saṁkarāchārya in whose honour the gift was made, though it is possible to take it in the ordinary sense to refer to God Siva. In the latter case, however, the form ordinarily met with, is 'Bhaqavat-Śiva [Nārāyaṇa or Buddha]-bhattāraka.

As to the localities mentioned, Urtti-vishaya has been discussed above. I am unable to identify the village Syallāmāyi. Mr. Misra reads the name of the village as 'Llāmāyi' remarking in a footnote that 'sya' is unnecessary. I do not see any reason to uphold this view.

# TEXT.

# Obverse.

- 1 Ōm² svastiḥ³ [¡\*] Sakala-bhuvan-aika-nāthō bhava-bhaya-vi(bhi)durō Bhavō Bhavānı-(nī)śa[h|\*] vivi-
- 2 dha-samādhi-samādhi-vi[dbı\*]jñaḥ sarvva<sup>5</sup>jñō vaḥ si(śi)vāy=āstu || [||\*] Āśīta(sit)<sup>6</sup> Kōṭṭā-śrama(mō) nā[ma]<sup>7</sup>
- 3 tapō-dhishṭhānam=uttamamɨ [l\*] mayūr-āṇḍ-ōdbhava[s\*]=tasmāta(d=) gaṇa-daṇḍō Viº(Vī)-rabhadr-ākhyaḥ¹o [|| 2 ||\*] Ashṭāśī-
- 4 ti-sahasrai[ḥ\*] sūnubhi[ḥ\*]<sup>11</sup> vyāpitaḥ<sup>12</sup> purā [l\*] tēshān≈tu prā[r]thanām dṛishṭvā Rāma-dēvēna sēvitas(taḥ) [□ 3 □\*] Tatō=<sup>13</sup>
- 5 shṭāśīti-sahasra¹⁴-grāmasy=ādhipatiḥ kṛitaḥ [l\*] chakravi(va)[r]tti¹⁵-sama(maḥ) sarvvapādō-nañcha vasthıti¹⁶ [|| 14 |\*]

<sup>2</sup>Expressed by a symbol.

- M. reads sarva (M. denotes Mr. Binayak Misra).
- M. reads āśīt, but the word actually engraved is āśīta.
- 7 M. reads Kōṭyāśrama-mahā-.
- 8 M. reads uttama[m].
- There is no sign of medial  $\bar{\imath}$  on v as M. reads.
- 10 This  $p\bar{a}da$  conforms to the fourth  $p\bar{a}da$  of an  $Ary\bar{a}$  metre. This is apparently due to its being copied verbatim from the other records.
  - 11 M. reads sahasrais=tu mu[ni\*]bhih. [I would read -sahasrais=tu [sū\*]nubhi[r=].—Ed.]
  - 12 M. reads vyāpih.
  - 13 [ To me the reading appears to be sevita(tah) [4\*] Sutō= .- Ed.]
  - 14 [ Read -sāhasra- as the sixth syllable in this pāda should be long.—Ed.]
  - 15 M. reads °varti.
- 16 M. reads sarvo pādonanchanasthitah. Perhaps the word intended is sarvv-opādānān=ch=āvasthitih- [But this would make the pāda short by one syllable.—Ed.]

<sup>1</sup> See p. 154 above.

<sup>3</sup> Read svasti.

The second samādhi is redundant.

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# C.—Kesari Copper-Plate of Satrubhanjadeva.

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- 6 pratipaksha-nidhana-dakshō Vaśī(śi)shtha-mu[ni\*]-pālitō nripatih l. A2(A)dibhañjah ripu-dahana3-dā-
- 7 vānalah | śaraśvatirvvinitto | jātah | Śrī-Kōttabhañja-suta-māndalika-sa(śa)t-ārchchita-
- na-kamalaḥ | śrī-**Dū(Du)rjayabhañjadēvō**=bhūta(t) [l] tasy=ātmajaḥ su(śu)chiḥ pratāpi(pī) k[ri]tajñah satya-
- 9 vādī<sup>5</sup> Hara-charan-ā[rā\*]dhana-tatparah guru-dēva-pūjakah śri-Ranabhañjadēvō= 'bhūta(t) tasy=ā-
- 10 tmajah śūrah pratāpi(pī) nirjita-śatruh satya-dharm-ā[n]vitah Yudhishthira-samah prajāpālana-ta-
- 11 tpara[h\*] Mahāmandalādhipati-Mā(Ma)hārājādhirāja-Paramēśvara[h\*] ashtāśīti-sahaśraa(sr-ā)dhipa-
- $12 \text{ti}[\dot{h}^*] + \hat{\textbf{sri}} \hat{\textbf{Satrubhañjadēva}} p\bar{\textbf{a}} daih^6 + m\bar{\textbf{a}} (ma)h\bar{\textbf{a}} d\bar{\textbf{e}} vi(v\bar{\textbf{i}}) + \hat{\textbf{sri}} \textbf{Anakahdēvi}(v\bar{\textbf{i}}) + ju(yu) \hat{\textbf{a}} vi(v\bar{\textbf{i}}) + \hat{\textbf{a}} vi(v\bar$ varājā(ja)-śrī.
- 13 Narīndrabhañja : sandhivigrahi-śrī-Prajāpati[h\*] | mudrahasta-śrī-Bhi(ī)ma[h\*] | pratīhāra7-śrī-Manoratha[h\*] | pura-
- 14 śrēshtbi-śrī-Vishņudattah mātā-pitarō8r=ātma[na\*]ś=cha9 | 10 dharmma-yashō(śō)-vṛi[d\*]. dhayē11 | Bhagavata(d)-bhattāraka-Śańka-
- 15 ra[m]<sup>12</sup> samu[d\*]diś[ya] Urtti-visa(sha)ya-prativa(ba)ddha-Syallāmāyi<sup>13</sup>-grāma(maḥ) sajala-sthala(lah) chatu[h\*]śīmāvatsina14
- 16 sa-viţapa-latā | 10 Madhya 15 dēsa (śa) vina (ni) rgata-bhattaputra-Nārāyanasya pautrāya bhattaputra-Cha-
- 17 krapānisya16 putrāya | Bhattaputra-Daņdapāņi17 | Kaüsī(Kauśi)ka-sagūtrāya triyārishaya18-pra[va\*]rāya19 ||20
- Vasishtha-pra[va\*]rāya | tāmbra21-sā(śā)sani(nī)krita(tya) pradat-18 Vasishtha-gotrāya [t\*]ō=smābhiḥ [||\*] Bhūmi[m\*] yaḥ pratigṛihṇā-
- 19 ti , 10 yaśzcha bhūmi[m\*] prayachebhati | ubhau ttau22 punya(nya)-karmmāṇau niyatau23 svargga-gāminau | [5 | \*]

8 Read -pitror=.

10 Danda unnecessary.

14 Read -sīm-āvachchhinnah.

16 Read opāņēh.

18 Read tryārshēya ..

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This forms half of a verse in Aryā metre. See A, v. 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The initial vowel is a and not  $\bar{a}$  as M. reads.

<sup>3</sup> M. reads dalana.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> M. reads ' śaraśvatinnimittō and emends it as Sarasvatī-nimittō. There is no doubt that the phrase intended is śūrah śuchir=vvinītō as in A, l. 7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> M. reads sarvapāpa, but the word satyavādī is quite clear.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> M. reads pādēh. The correct form should be pādāh.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> M. reads Pratihārī.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> M. reads pitararātmasya.

<sup>11</sup> M. reads dharmayasō(śō)bhibṛidh(ddh)ayē.

<sup>12</sup> M. reads Bhagavantam bhaṭṭārakam Sankaram.

<sup>13</sup> M. reads vi.

<sup>15</sup> M. reads madha.,

<sup>17</sup> Read °pānayē.

<sup>19</sup> M. reads ścha after it, but I find no trace of it. [As there seems to be only one donee the götra and pra gra: mentioned first were probably engraved by mistake and later corrected as found in l. 18.-Ed.]

<sup>20</sup> Dandas unnecessary.

<sup>21</sup> Read tāmra -.

<sup>22</sup> Read tau.

<sup>28</sup> Read niyatam.

## Reverse.

- 20 Ānandanti<sup>1</sup> pitara[ḥ\*] prava[lga]nti<sup>2</sup> pitāmahā[ḥ\*] [I\*] bhūmi-dātā kulē jātā ssamitrātā bhaviśya(sya)-
- 21 ti³ l [l 6 d\*] Haratē hārayatē(yēd=)yas=tu manda-vudhis =tamā(mō)vritaḥ lasava(ba)ddhō Vāruņē pāśē triyaga yō-
- 22 nisu(shu)<sup>7</sup> jāyētē<sup>8</sup> l [l 7]\*] Sva-dattā[m\*] para-dattām=vā yō harēta<sup>9</sup> vasundharā[m l\*] sa vishṭhāyā[m\*] kṛimira<sup>10</sup> bhūtvā<sup>11</sup>
- 23 pitribhi¹² saha pachyatē | [l 9 ||\*] Sva-dānāta¹³ phalam=āṇantaṁ¹⁴ para-dat[t\*]-ānu-pālanē[|\*] sashṭhi-varisha-¹⁵
- 24 sahaśrā(srā)ņi svarggē modati bhūmidaļ [10\*] 16

# No. 15.—AN INCOMPLETE GRANT OF SINDA ADITYAVARMAN: SAKA 887.

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Of the two leaves of a set of copper-plates, which are edited here for the first time, the first is from the collection of the late Mr. G. K. Chandorkar, a well-known researcher of Khāndesh. It is now deposited in the Rājwāḍe Samśōdhana Maṇḍala, Dhūlia. The second plate was found in the collection of the Bhārata Itihāsa Samśōdhaka Maṇḍala, Poona. No definite information is available regarding the original findspot of these plates, but they were probably discovered somewhere in the Poona District of the Bombay Presidency.<sup>17</sup> They are edited here with the kind permission of the authorities of the two Institutions in which they are now preserved.

They are the last two plates of a set which must have originally consisted of three or four copper-plates. The initial one or two plates, which probably contained a glorification of some ancestors of the donor, are not now forthcoming. The present plates contain a hole ½" in diameter at the top, which indicates that the plates were held together by a ring. But the ring together with the seal, if it had any, is now lost. The plates measure from 9.5" to 9.7" broad and from 7.5" to 8.2" high. The first plate weighs 66 tolas and the second 44½ tolas.

- 1 M. reads asphālayanti. The usual expression is asphōtayanti.
- <sup>2</sup> M. reads pragalbhanti.
- <sup>3</sup> M. reads the passage as follows: bhūmi-dātā kulē jāta(h\*) sa na[s]=trātā bhavishyati. This is undoubtedly the correct form, (cf. Manhali Copper-plate line 53, J. A. S. B., 1900, pp. 65 ff) but not the correct reading of the text.
  - Read -buddhis=.
    M. reads tamövritah which is undoubtedly the more usual form.
  - 6 Read tiryag -.
  - 7 M. reads tiryag-yonau [sa] jāyatē.
  - 8 Read jäyatē.
  - 9 M. reads jo harat.
  - 10 Read krimir=.
  - 11 M. reads krimirbbhūtvā.
  - 12 Read pitribhih. This is M's reading.
  - 13 Read -dānāt.
  - 14 Read =ānantyam. M. reads ānantam.
  - 15 Read shashti-varsha -.
  - 16 There is one ornamental mark between the two sets of dandas.
- 17 As shown below, the donated village is in the Poona District. Another Sinda copper-plate, dated Saka 33, has been recently discovered at Nārāyaṇgāon near Junnar in the same district.

The extant portion of the inscription, which is in a state of excellent preservation, contains fifty-two lines of writing, of which sixteen are engraved on the first and seventeen on the second side of the first plate. The second plate has nineteen lines inscribed on one side only. characters are of the Nagari alphabet. Several letters appear in a transitional stage and exhibit more than one form each. Besides, the record was written in a cursive hand and engraved in a careless manner, several strokes being left out. The reading of a few aksharas, especially in lines 32-33 and 51-52, is consequently not free from doubt. As regards individual letters, attention may be drawn to the forms of kh in Bhīm-ākhyō, l. 1 and śākhā, l. 28, the former of which has a loop in the left limb, while the latter is without it. Similarly the letters g, m, n and r present looped and unlooped forms, see, e.g., g in garrbhasthō, l. 5 and nagara, l. 10; m in chimtāmaṇi, 1. 3 and vismaya, 1. 18; n in janānām, 1. 4 and sēnāpati, 1. 9 and r in jarad-, 1. 12 and guņa-rāši-, ll. 1-2. The several forms of the palatal s seen in srī-, l. 2, guṇa-rāsi-, ll. 1-2 and āsrita, ll. 3-4 and of v in  $viloloh_h$ , 1. 19 and  $\tilde{v}=avkah$ , 1. 21, are also noteworthy. The left limb of dh is undeveloped, bh and h are almost identical in shape, and ph is drawn cursively, see samadhigat-, 1. 6, Bhīm-ākhyō, l. 1, mahōdadhih, ll. 4-5 and phanīndra l. 7. Finally, the record exhibits here and there the use of the prishtha-matras to denote medial diphthongs.

The language is Sanskrit. The inscription is composed in a good style, but contains several mistakes due to careless writing. The extant portion contains one incomplete and ten complete verses in Il. 1-5, 17-21, 40-45, and 48-51, the rest being in prose. As regards orthography, the only points that call for notice are the use of the vowel ri for ri in asrita, Il. 3-4 and that of v for b as in mahasavda, I. 6 and the reduplication of a consonant following r as in kuhara-vartti, I. 14 and gandharvva-, I. 16.

The inscription is one of the Sinda king, the Mahāsāmanta Ādityavarman, who had obtained all mahāsabdas and was born in the lineage of Dishtivisha, the lord of Nāgas.<sup>2</sup> The object of it is to record the grant, by Ādityavarman, of a village named Kiṇihikā which was included in the (larger) village Paṅgarikā and was situated in the Rāmatīrthikā-Eightyfour. Among the boundaries of the village, which are specified in Il. 33-35, are mentioned a layaṇa-giri (hill containing cells) which bounded it on the west and a river named Indra which flowed on its north. The donee was the Brāhmaṇa Navaśiva, son of Chandrabhaṭṭa, who belonged to the Kauṇḍinya-gōtra and was a student of the Bahvricha-śākhā (of the Rigvēda). He had emigrated from the Madhyadēśa. The grant was made by Ādityavarman, while residing at Junninagara, on the occasion of a solar eclipse which occurred on the new-moon day of Chaitra in the expired Śaka saṃvat 887, the cyclic year being Krōdhana. The date is regular. The expired Śaka 887 (corresponding to A.D. 965-66) was Krōdhana according to the southern luni-solar system and there was a solar eclipse on the amāvasyā of the paurnimānta Chaitra. The corresponding Christian date is Monday, the 6th March A.D. 965.

The genealogy of Adityavarman which was given in the initial portion of the record is now almost wholly lost. The extant portion of the record contains only two names, viz., Bhīma and his son Muñja, the grandfather and the father respectively of Adityavarman. About Muñja we are told that he was superior to (another) Muñja in merits. It is not clear who this latter personage was. The reference can scarcely be to the homonymous king of the Paramāra dynasty, the celebrated poet and patron of Sanskrit learning; for he was not a contemporary of

The verse in Il. 17-19 occurs also in the Bhādāna grant of Aparājita, Saka 919, above, Vol. III, pp. 273-74,
 J. A. H. R. S., Vol. XII, pp. 141ff.

Ādityavarman's father and had not in fact ascended the throne even at the time when the present record was incised. His father Sīyaka was ruling in V. S. 10291 (i.e., A.D. 972-73) and was, therefore, on the throne for at least seven years after the issue of the present charter. It is not, therefore, likely that Muñja was already so famous in A.D. 965 as to induce the author of the present record to institute a comparison between him and the father of Ādityavarman. The name of one other Muñja, who also belonged to the Sinda family, is known from his Tidgundi plates, but he belongs to a much later age, as he was a feudatory of Vikramāditya VI of the Later Chālukya dynasty.

As said above, Ādityavarman belonged to the Sinda family and claimed descent from the Nāga lineage. He had on his banner the figure of a golden lion. As he does not claim a higher title than Mahāsāmanta, he was plainly subordinate to some paramount power. His suzerain was probably the powerful Rāshṭrakūṭa king Kṛishṇa III, for whom, it is interesting to mention, we have a record bearing the same date as the present record, viz., 6th March A.D. 965.3

The Sindas, Chhindas or Chhindakas of the Nāgavaniśa are known from several earlier and later records. Most of these come from the Kanarese districts of the Bombay Presidency and Mysore and Hyderābād states, while some are found in the Bastar state of the Central Provinces. Legendary accounts of the origin of the family are furnished by some later inscriptions. Thus, according to the Bhairanmaṭṭi stone inscription the eponymous founder of the family was a certain long-armed Sinda, who was born from the serpent king Dharaṇēndra at Ahichchhatra in the region of the river Sindhu and reared by a tiger. According to another account Sinda was born from the union of the god Śiva and the river Sindhu and was brought up by the king of serpents on tiger's milk. It seems, therefore, that the original habitat of the family was somewhere in North India, probably in the valley of the Indus. Many of these Sinda or Chhinda kings call themselves Bhōgavatī-pura-var-ādhīśvara the lord of Bhōgavatī, the best of towns. The exact location of Bhōgavatī is not settled, but according to the Narasāhasānkacharita of Padmagupta it was situated to the south of the Narmadā, perhaps in the Bastar state.

From their original home in North India several branches of the family migrated to the South and established themselves in different parts of the peninsula. According to one account the aforementioned Sinda married the daughter of a Kadamba king and had by her three sons who established the family of Sinda kings. This Sinda was probably a feudatory of the contemporary Kadamba king and seems to have been ruling somewhere in the Kuntala kingdom. The Jāvali plates? of the Western Ganga prince Śrīpurusha-Prithivī-Konguni speaks of a Sindarushaya which, according to Mr. Rices, extended over parts of the Dhārwār, Bījāpur and Bellary Districts. Another account states that the long-armed Sinda, the founder of the family, settled in the Karahāṭa-Four-thousand province, which evidently comprised the territory round Karhāḍ in the Sātārā District of the Bombay Presidency. Later on we find several branches of the family established at Bāgaḍagē (Bāgalkōṭ in the Bombay Presidency), Erambaragē¹ (Yelburgā in the Nizām's Dominions) and Chakrakōṭya¹¹ (in the Bastar state).

6 See Ind. Ant., Vol. LXII, pp. 103 ff.

<sup>1</sup> see Dhanapāla's Pāvalachchhīmālā, verse 198.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Above, Vol. III, pp. 306 ff.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., Vol. XXI, p. 262.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid., Vol. III, p. 231.

<sup>6</sup> Op. cit., p. 232.

<sup>7</sup> Ep. Carn., Vol. VI, p. 151.

a Ibid., Vol. VI, Introd., pp. 7 ff.

<sup>9</sup> Above, Vol. III, pp. 230 ff.

<sup>10</sup> J. B. Br. R. A. S., Vol. XI, pp. 219 ff.

<sup>11</sup> Above, Vol. IX, pp. 174 ff.

Most of these Sinda or Chhinda families distinguished themselves from the 10th to the 12th centuries A.D. as feudatories of the Later Chālukyas. But some we can trace to earlier times. The Nēsari plates of the Rāshṭrakūṭa Gōvinda III, dated Śaka 727, mention a prince named Nāgahastin who was an ornament of the great Chhinda family and belonged to the lineage of the lord of serpents. The family of Ādiṭyavarman also was, as we have seen, a feudatory family which probably owed allegiance to the Rāshṭrakūṭas.

We have not so far come across records of the Sindas or Chhindas earlier than the age of the Rāshtrakūtas. But that does not mean that these families rose into prominence for the first As we have already seen, the founder of the family was a contime in the ninth century A.D. temporary and probably a feudatory of the Kadambas. He must, therefore, have lived in the fifth or sixth century A.D. when the Kadambas were powerful in the South. As a matter of fact we find in that age a family with the analogous name Sendraka which was subordinate to the Kadambas. The territory under its rule was called Sēndraka-vishaya. From the statement in the Bennur grant' that the Kadamba king Krishnavarman II made the gift of a village in the Sendraka-vishaya while on a victorious march to Vaijayantī (modern Banavāsi in North Kanara), it is conjectured that the Sēndraka-vishaya lay not far from the Banavāsi kingdom. It is generally identified with the Nagarakhanda division of the Banavasi-Twelve-thousand which from another inscription3 is known to have been under the rule of the Sendrakas. It was thus contiguous to, if not identical with, the Sinda-rishaya mentioned above. The Sendrakas appear first as feudatories of the Kadambas,4 but on the downfall of the latter they transferred their allegiance to the Early Chālukyas of Bādāmi, with whom some of them had become matrimonially connected. When Pulakēšin II conquered Mahārāshṭra and Lāṭa from the Kalachuris, he placed a trusted Sendraka chief named Bhanusaktie in charge of part of the conquered territory, viz., Southern Gujarāt and Khāndesh. Grants of land, made by Bhānusakti's grandson Allasakti have been discovered in those parts of the country. Later on he was ousted from Southern Gujarāt, but he and his son continued to rule in Khandesh. The latest record of the Sendrakas found in Khāndesh is the Mundkhēdē copper-plate inscription' of Allasakti's son Jayasakti, which is dated Saka 602 (A.D. 680).

The inscriptions of the Sēndrakas do not generally connect their family with any eponymous hero, but the Lakshmēśvara stone inscription states that they were of the bhujagēndr-ānvaya or 'lineage of the king of serpents'. It seems, therefore, that the Sēndrakas came in course of time to be called Sindas or Chhindas; for, besides similarity in their names, the two families claimed descent from the same race and in some cases ruled over the same territory.

- <sup>1</sup> G. H. Khare, Sources of the Mediæval History of the Deccan (Marathi), Vol. I, pp. 15 ff.
- <sup>2</sup> Ep. Carn., Vol. V, pp. 594 ff.
- <sup>3</sup> See the Balagāmvē inscription of the time of Vinayāditya, Ind. Ant., Vol. XIX, pp. 142 ff.
- <sup>4</sup> See Hälsi grant of Harivarman, Ind. Ant., Vol. VI, p. 31.
- <sup>b</sup> The Sēndraka prince Śrīvallabha Sēnānandarāja was a maternal uncle of Pulakēśin II, above, Vol. III, pp. 50 ff.
- <sup>6</sup> No records of this chief have so far come to light, but as his grandson Allasakti was ruling in A.D. 653 and 657, Bhānusakti has to be placed in the first quarter of the seventh century A.D. He was thus a contemporary of Pulakēšin II.
- <sup>7</sup> One of these was discovered at Bagumrā in South Gujarāt and two in Khāndesh. See New Ind. Ant., Vol. I, p. 747. Bühler gives this chief's name as Nikumbhallaśakti, but Nikumbha was only a biruda. It is used as such with the name of Allaśakti's son Jayaśakti also. The recently discovered Sēndraka plates spell the chief's name as Nikumbh-āllaśakti. See New Ind. Ant., Vol. I, p. 747.
- \* This record was first published in the first volume of the Marāthī magazine Prabhāta of Dhūlia. See also the An. Rep. of the Bhārata Itihāsa Samshōdhaka Mandala, for Saka 1834, pp. 169 ff.
  - Ind. Ant., Vol. VII, p. 106. This record is, however, held to be spurious.

After Jayasakti we have no records of the Sēndrakas from Mahārāshtra. After the lapse of nearly three centuries we get the present grant of the Sinda family. It is not known if the family of Ādityavarman was connected with any other Sinda families. But we may note that the names Bhīma and Muñja, which occur in the present record, figure again as names of Sinda feudatories in the Tidgundi plates of the time of Vikramāditya VI. The similarity of names suggests some sort of connection between the two families. The present plates state that the banner of Ādityavarman had the figure of lion on it and it is noteworthy that the seal of the aforementioned Tidgundi plates also contains a figure which Kielhorn took to be that of a tiger or a lion.

As the provenance of the plates is not known, it would have been difficult to identify the localities mentioned in them, but the mention of the Indra river and a layana-giri among the boundaries of the donated village affords an important clue. The former is evidently identical with the Indrayani river which forms the northern boundary of the Poona taluka. The donated village Kinihikā is probably identical with Kinhai situated on the south bank of the Indrayani near Shelarwadi, about 16 miles North by West of Poona. There are some caves to the west of it.2 Its situation therefore exactly answers to the description in the present plates. Pangarikā cannot, however, be traced in its vicinity. Rāmatīrthikā, the headquarters of the subdivision in which Kinihikā was included, is probably identical with Rāmatīrtha where Ushavadata made certain gifts to Brahmanas as recorded in a Nasık cave inscription.3 The latter is taken by some to be a holy kunda situated in or near Surpārakas with which it is mentioned in the aforementioned inscription. But the description in the present plates shows that it was the headquarters of a small subdivision of eighty-four villages and must have been situated not very far from Kinhai. No place of that name can, however, be traced now in its neighbourhood. Junninagara, where the king's camp was pitched. is probably identical with Junnar. a well-known place about 55 miles north of Poona.

# TEXT.6

First Plate : First Side.

# l पू(चृ)गामतिदुर्ज्जयः<sup>8</sup> भृ[१॥\*[ तत[स्त्र]नूजस्र<sup>9</sup> भीमाख्यो गु-

# 2 ग्राग्निरमृत्र(बृ)प: । उदपादि तत: श्रीमानांजो मं-

<sup>1</sup> Above, Vol. III, pp. 307.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> There are about twenty caves at or near Shelārwādi, all of about the first or second century after Christ. Bom. Gaz., Vol. XVIII, p. 212. Care Temples of India. p. 246.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Inscription No. 10, above, Vol. VIII, p. 78.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> As the inscription reads Sōrpāragē cha Rāmatīrthē, Bhagwanlal and following him Senart take Rāmatīrtha to be the modern Rāmakunda reservoir in Sōpārā (see Bomb Gaz., Vol. XVI, p. 572, n. 3 and above, Vol. VIII, p. 79). But the draftsman of the record has offended against Sanskrit grammar in other places also. Dr. R. G. Bhandarkar translates the above expression as 'in Sōrpāraga and Rāmatīrtha' (see his Collected Works, Vol. III, p. 24) and Buhler as 'at Rāmatīrtha near Śōrpāraga' (see Arch. Surv. West. Ind., Vol. IV, p. 100).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> R. G. Bhandarkar suggested that Junnar was derived from Jirnanagara (i.e., 'old town'). See Collected Works, Vol. III, p. 60.

<sup>·</sup> From the original plates.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> As stated above, this plate was originally the second or third plate of its set. It is now preserved in the Rājwāde Samśōdhana Maṇdala, Dhulia.

Read satrūnām=ati-durjayah. Metre of this and the next verse: Anushtubh.

<sup>·</sup> Read tatas=tanujo.

- 3 जगुणा[धि]क: ॥[२॥\*] ग्रहितकुलकालकेतु: चिंतामणिरा-
- 4 मृ(त्रि)तजनानां(नाम्) [।\*] ग्रादित्यवर्मातनयोभूत्ततो धैर्यमहो-
- 5 दिधः $^1$  ॥[3॥ $^*]$  यश्च गर्कस्थोराचाम[4]वतिगर्क्क[\*]ना $[*\pi 1]^2$  श्र[4]रे-
- 6 ण प्रख्यात: ॥ तदसी समधिगताश्रेषमहा[श]व्र(व्दी) महाषा(सा)-
- 7 मंत(तो) दृष्टी(ष्टि)विषफणीन्द्रवंशोद्भव[:\*] सिन्दान्वयप्रसूत[:\*] [स्व]र्ण्णम-
- 8 यस्गेन्द्रध्वज[:\*] जुशली जुनित(न)गरावस्थितश्रीमदादित्यवर्माः
- 9 सर्व्वान्खसंव(ब)ध्यमानकान् महामात्यसि[ना]पतिमहासाह[सि]-
- 10 कराज[पु]चनगरग्रामस्थान(न्) पौरविस्तित्तक $^4$ ग्राम[कू]टनि-
- 11 युक्तानि[य]क्तप्रधानाप्रधानन5 । समनुवी(बी)धयत्यस्तु वी वि-
- 12 दितं यथा वाताहतजलतरंगवीचीभंगरा विभवा:  $1^6$  जरदा-
- 13 चसीग्रस्थमान(नं) पत्रटिन<sup>7</sup> विकारभागस्थिरं यौवन(नं) । 6 क्रन्ता(ता)न्ता-
- 14 खनुइरवर्त्तिजलवृद्द्वश्वत्त्वणदृष्टमष्टमायु: [रं]भारत[भ]-
- 15 सारवदसारं शारीरकं  $1^6$  खप्नोपालंभस्गढिशाकाःसम(मं)
- 16 वा[पि] गन्धर्व्वनगरीष(प)मम[स]त्क[ल्प]प्रायं च चा[क]क(त्वं)

First Plate; Second Side.

- 17 चला विभूति: चणभंगि यौवनं ।<sup>9</sup> क्वतान्तदंतांत[र]वर्त्ति
- 18 यौवमं(नम्)10 [1\*] तथाप्यवज्ञा परलोकसास(ध)ने ग्रहो नृणां विस्मयका-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Metre Upagiti. The last pada of this verse is faulty.

² Read garbbhasthō=rāti-yuvati-garbbhaha-nāmn=āparēṇa.

Read Śrīmad-Ādityavarmmā.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> I have not come across the name of this official elsewhere. Perhaps he is identical with the *Purapati* (Mayor of a town) mentioned in the Bhādāna grant of Aparājita, above, Vol. III, p. 273.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Read pradhān-āpradhānān. The following danda is superfluous.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> This danda is unnecessary.

<sup>7</sup> Read pratidinam.

<sup>8</sup> Read jala-budbudavat=.

This mark of punctuation is superfluous.

<sup>16</sup> As yauvanam is already mentioned, some word like jīvanam is required here. The aforementioned Bhādāna grant has jīvitam in this vorso.

- 20 राणि [दि]नानि । शारदाभ्यचलचंचलमायुः किं ध[नै:] कुरुत धर्माम-
- 21 निंद्य $(z_1, z_1)^2$  ॥[५॥\*] सर्व्यमेवासत्कल्पमेवमवगत्य धर्मा एवैक: सा $(z_1, z_1)$ [ख]त[स] $(z_1, z_1)$
- 22 ङ्ग[:\*] सखा व(ब)न्ध्रसुत्रा<sup>3</sup>पर[त्र] च नान्धोस्तीत्यवधार्य्य शकनृपकानाती-
- 23 तसंवत्सरमतिष्वष्टषु(सु) सप्तामीत्यधिकेषु क्रीधनसंव[त्स]रान्तर्ग-
- 24 तचैत्रामावा[स्या]मादित्यग्रहणपर्व्वाण मी(मा)तापित्रोरैहिका-
- 25 मुक्सिकफलावासये त्रालनश्च पुख्ययशोभिष्ठद्वये पूर्व-
- 26 जैरग्रहारस्थित्या एतदीयातीतपुरुषाणां प्रतिपालितीवि-
- 27 [रुध] रि[दा]नीं सर्वपरिहारान्विधाय सया सध्यवे(ट) ग्रविनिर्गतकौ-
- 28 िर्ण(रिष्ड)न्यसगोत्रव(ब)हृच[शा]खासव(ब्र)ह्मचारिणे महादिजाय श्री-
- 29 नविश्वाय श्रोचन्द्रभद्दसुताय परमया भक्त्या पांदी<sup>5</sup> प्रचास्य ह-
- 30 स्तोदकप्रदानपूर्व्वकं रामतीर्थि[का]चतुरशीत[कान्त:]पातिकि-
- 31 णिह्निकाग्राम: पं[ग]रिकाग्राम एवाभ्यन्तर: पूर्व्वदत्तरेवदायव्र(ब्र)-
- 32 ह्म[दा]यवा(बा)ह्य: व्र(व्र)ह्मग्रामदे(?)विज्ञक्मग्राम<sup>6</sup>विह्रो(?)लासमेत: प्रद-
- 33 त्त: [।\*] यस्याघट्टनानि [पू]र्व्वत: सीमा [च्चे]मगणपति:

Second Plate?

- 34 दिचणत: सीमा च चैरी डोङ्गरिका । पश्चिमत: सीमा लय-
- 35 गर्गिर: । उत्तरत: सीमा इन्द्रनदी । एवं चतुराघाटसमे-
- 36 त: माभ्यन्तरसिंडि: सदग्डदशापराधोपि भवि[ख]<sup>6</sup>दागामिभोत्नृन्ट-

<sup>1</sup> Metre: Vamšastha

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Metre : Svågatā.

<sup>3</sup> Aparatra seems to have been used here in the sense of atra.

<sup>4</sup> Perhaps pratipādit-āviruddham=idānīm is the intended reading.

<sup>5</sup> Read pādau.

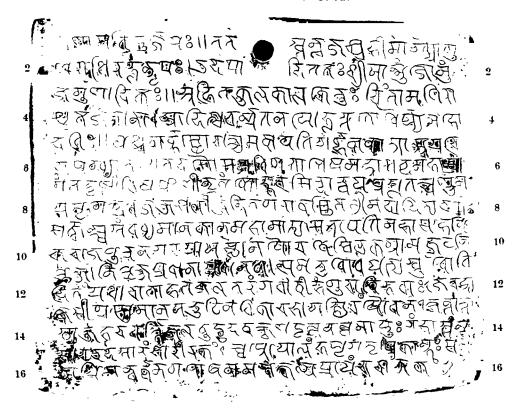
<sup>6</sup> Compare with this the expression měshu (?) vallikā-prāvēśukah in ll. 41-42 of the Tôrkhēdē plates (above, Vol. III. p. 56).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> This plate was originally the third or fourth plate of its set. It is now preserved in the Bhārata Itihāsa Samsōdhaka Maṇḍala, Poona.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> This word, which means the same as āgāmi, is superfluous.

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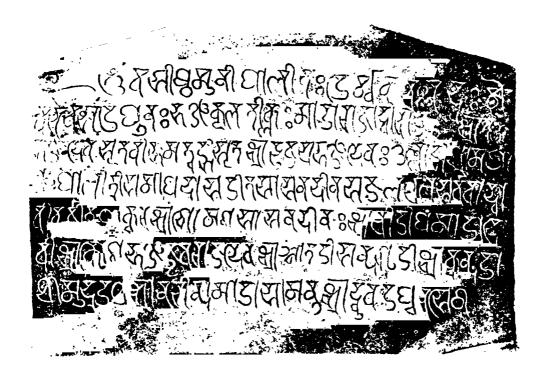
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# ADIPUR COPPER-PLATE OF DURJAYABHANJA.



- 37 पतिभि: सर्वेदपि ऋसादंशजैरपरवंशजैर्वाऽनुमोदयितव्यः
- 38 सत्कर्त्तव्यः प्रतिपालयितव्यक्षास्य<sup>1</sup> पुत्रपौत्रान्तिकमपि भुंजतः भोज-
- 39 यतस क्षावत: कार्ययतस केनापि परिपंचना न विधातव्या ॥ यत:
- 40 ग्राग्नेरपत्यं प्रथमं सुवर्णां भूर्व्वेषावी सूर्यसुताश्व गाव: [1\*] लोकवयं र्तन
- 41 भ[व]र्डि $^2$  दत्तं यं(य:) कांचनं गां च महीश्व दद्यात् । $[1 \in \mathbb{R}]^3$  श्रास्फोटयन्ति $^4$
- 42 प्रवितानित पितामहा: [।\*] भूमिदीसात्त्वले जात: स न: संतारियथित ॥[९॥\*]
- 43 सितान्यातपत्राणि $^5$  दन्तिनश्च मदोडताः [ $_1$ \*] भूमिदानस्य पु[प्या]णि फलं [स्व]-
- 44 द्य $(\hat{n}$ :) पुरंदर: 6  $\mathbb{I}[\mathbb{Z}_{\parallel}^*]$  श्रपरं च  $[1^*]$   $a(\mathbf{a})$  हिमळ सुधा भुक्ता राजिभ: सगरा-दिभ:  $[1^*]$  यस्य यस्य य-
- 45 दा भूमिस्तस्य तस्य तदा फलं(लम्) ॥[८॥\*] एवं मुनिवचनान्यवगत्य [स]र्व्वर-प्ययं भूध-
- 46 [म्री]दाय[:\*] प्रतिपाख्योनुमोदयितव्यश्च [।\*] यस्वज्ञानितिमरपटलावृतमितराः
- 47 च्छि[न्या]दाच्छियमान[म]नुमीदयेदा स पञ्चभिमन्त्रापातक रूपपातक [य]
- 48 सं[युक्तो भवेत् । तथा चीतं(क्तम्) । गामेकां खर्ण्णमकं [च\*] भूमेरप्येक-मगुलं(लम्) । इरवर-
- 49 कमा[प्रो]ति यावदाइतसंप्नवं(वम्) ॥[१०॥\*] तथा च ॥ स्ववंग्रजान(न्) परभू-पतिवंग्रजान्वा
- 50 सर्व्वाम(न)तान्याचते रामभद्र: [।\*] सामान्योर्यं धर्मासेतुः नृपाणां<sup>7</sup> काले काले ए।
- 51 लनीयो भवद्भि: 8 । [११। \*] साचिणो चात्र १ को ग्रह्णगू (१)ल मीख[र] हे ही: । पा(ठभ १।म-
- 52 तिली(?) लिखितमिदं रेवदासानुमतं गोगमाउरैवेन वुहैयाष्टमि[न ?] [1\*]

<sup>1</sup> Read pratipālayitavyaś=cha | Asya.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Read bhavēd=dhi.

<sup>3</sup> Metre : Indravajrā.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Metre of verses 7-10: Anushtubh.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> This pada has one akshara wanting. Read Susitany=. The usual reading is dhavalany=

<sup>6</sup> This visarga is superfluous.

<sup>7</sup> Read sētur=nripāņām.

<sup>8</sup> Metre: Śālinī. The first pāda is irregular.

<sup>•</sup> We are not sure about the reading of the last thirteen aksharas in lines 51 and 52 each.

# No. 16.-ADIPUR COPPER-PLATE OF DURJAYABHANJA.

# By Krishna Chandra Panigrahi, M.A.

This copper-plate was in possession of one Rajakisore Pattanayak of Adipur, a village about three miles to the north-west of Khiching, the ancient capital of the rulers of Mayurbhanj. owner at first brought it to the notice of Mr. Sailendra Prasad Bose of the Khiching Museum and then of Mr. K. C. Neogi, the Dewan of the Mayurbhanj State, who acquired it for the Archaeological Museum at Bāripadā. Mr. P. Acharya, the State-Archaeologist, handed it over to Pandit Binayak Misra of the Calcutta University for publication. I am indebted to Pandit Misra for the kind permission he has given me for editing the plate.

The plate measures about  $8'' \times 6''$  and contains an inscription of only seven lines on its obverse. A seal surmounted by an amalaka is attached to the top, which contains in relief the figure of a couchant humped bull but no legend. The engraving has been neatly and carefully done and the inscription is in perfect preservation. The characters used in this grant point to an age when the Oriva characters were in the process of assuming their present forms. This is evident from the forms of shih (1.1), pt (1.2), p (1.3), th (1.4), th (1.5), and t (1.6) which distinctly look like the modern Oriya characters.

The letters of this plate especially the letters t, th, p. r. s. and s closely resemble those used in the Mahada Plates of Yōgēśvaradēvavarman¹ and the Patna Museum Plate of Sōmēśvaradēva². On palaeographical grounds the latter grant has been assigned to the fourteenth or fifteenth century A. D. though the late Rao Bahadur Krishna Sastri was not inclined to assign such a late date to it.3 The orthography of the plate deserves more than a passing notice. Though an attempt has been made to compose the text in Sanskrit as is evident from the use of several risargas, the composer of the inscription seems to have no knowledge in Sanskrit at all. The text makes no distinction between the long and short vowels. nor does it often use the three sibilants-dental, palatal and lingual-correctly, a fact which has been illustrated throughout the inscription. It also presents a number of phonetic peculiarities of colloquial Oriya language, e.q., Hērmra (1.1), lladdha (1.1), uptara (1.2), tīkla (1.2), māhārājāddhīrāja (1.2), vībhama (1.3), Dujaya (1.3), sāsana-dīna (1.4), sa-jala-thala (1.4). sandaqrihī (1.6), mudrahartha (1.7), Narīndā (1.7) and pura-sēṭhī (1.7) which are the corrupt forms of Sanskrit Hēramba, labdha, utpanna, tilaka, mahārājādhirāja, cibhruma, Durjaya. śāsan-ādhīna. sa-jala-sthala. sandhivigrahin, mudrā-hasta, Narēndra and pura-śrēshthin respectively. Another peculiarity of the text is that it contains no verb at all4, and its sense can be made out only by adding certain verbs in their proper places. I have deemed it better to publish the text as it is, for, an attempt to correct it will result in its wholesale change.

The introductory passages common to the Bhañja records of Mayūrbhanj, are conspicuous in this grant by their absence. The inscription abruptly begins with certain epithets of Ranabhañjadeva, surnamed Vibhramatungas, representing him as having been nurtured by the sage Vasishtha, as a receiver of boon from Hēramba, as born in the Mivara family and as the frontal mark of the Bhañja lineage. He has further been given the title of Mahārājādhirāja. Then it gives out that his son Durjayabhañjadēva, who has been given no title at all, granted the village Öllänga along with Pānchapālī and Trīsamāpadā (probably two other villages)

from the Prakrit dinna .- B.C.C.]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A' ove, Vol. XII, pp. 218 ff. <sup>2</sup> Above, Vol. XIX, pp. 97 ff. <sup>3</sup> P. R. A. S., E.C., 1916-17, p. 4, para. 5. <sup>4</sup> [The text does contain a verb and that twice, which Mr. Panigrahi seems to have overlooked. In l. 4 sāsamı dīna and again in l. 5 sāsana dīnah mean 'grant has been given', the form dīna 'given' being derivable

<sup>§ [</sup>Dr. Majumder assigns this surname to Durjayabhañja; see above, p. 151.—Ed.]

to Thākura śrī-Gōmaţa for unimpeded enjoyment. At the time the grant was made. Chīhīpa the chief queen. Kōṭabhañja the heir-apparent, Ātahī the Minister for war and peace, Kundahāthī the custodian of the Royal Seal. Narīndā the chief feudatory and Ddhuvaha the townbanker were present.

Durjayabhañjadēva, the donor, has been represented in this record as the son of Raṇabhañjadēva and the father of Kōṭabhañja. In the Keshari plate of Satrubhañjadēva, however, Durjayabhañja figures as the son of Kōṭṭabhañja and the father of Raṇabhañja. Evidently the donor of the present grant is not identical with Durjayabhañja of the Keshari plate. Until further discoveries are made, it is not possible to assign a place to Durjayabhañja of this record in the Bhañja genealogical table.

The plate does not mention the traditional account relating to the origin of the Bhañjas as other Bhañja grants of Mayūrbhanj do. It, however, refers to a Mivara family (ll. 1-2) to which Raṇabhañjadēva is said to have belonged. Judging from the numerous mistakes of the text, it may at once be conceded that Mivara is a mistake for Mivāra (Mewār in Rājputānā). The author of the inscription, therefore, seems to refer the original home of the Bhañjas to Mewār. But the tradition<sup>2</sup> ascribes the connection of the Mayūrbhanj family with Jaipur which was never a part of Mewār. Moreover, the name Mewār itself is not to be found in early inscriptions. This, together with the unorthodox style in which the plate has been written, points to the fact that the document was drawn up by a person sometime about the fifteenth century A. D., who not only did not know much about the copper-plate grants, but also did not know the origin, either real or traditional, of the family he was describing.<sup>3</sup>

The villages Pāńchapālī and Öllāṅga may conveniently be identified with Pańchupālī and Dēlāng, both situated in the Anandpur Sub-division of the Keonjhar State. As to the village Trīsamāpadā, I cannot suggest any identification.

# TEXT.4

- 1 Siddham<sup>5</sup> [†\*] Ōm Vasīshtha-munī-pālītah Hērmva-vara-lladdhah Mi-
- 2 vara-vamsa-uptanah Bhanja-kūla-tīklah māhārājāddhīrājah śrī-Raņa-
- 3 bhañjadēva-sūta Vībhamatunga-sūta śrī-Dujayabhañjadēvaḥ Öllānga-grāma Pā-
- 4 ñchapālī Trīsamāpadā sahīta sāsanadīna sa-jala-thala sarva-vāddhā
- 5 vīvarjīta Thākura śrī-Gōmaţa sāsanadīnaḥ śrī-Chīhīpa-māhādē-
- 6 vī śrī-Kōṭabhañja-jūvarājadēva śrī-Ātahī-sandagrihī śrī-Kundahā-
- 7 thī-mudrahartha śrī-Narīndā-māhāsāmanta śrī-Ddhuvaha-purasēṭhī [\*]

# No. 17.—HALAYUDHASTOTRA FROM THE AMARESVARA TEMPLE.

By Prof. P. P. Subrahmanya Sastri, B.A. (Oxon.), M.A. (Madras).

Halāyudha (one who wields the hala or plough as a weapon) is a well known name in Sanskrit literature. Dr. Aufrecht has listed more than sixteen works under Halāyudha. On the inner

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Ind. Hist. Quart., Vol. XIII, p. 429.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Above, Vol. XVIII, p. 290,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>[All these combined with the fact that the language of the record is full of errors seem to show that the grant never passed through the secretariate and thus makes one doubtful about its genumeness.—Ed.]

<sup>•</sup> From ink-impressions and the original.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Expressed by a symbol.

side of the southern wall in the mandapa of the Amarēśvara Temple at Māndhātā on the left bank of the river Narmadā in the Nimar District of the Central Provinces is carved a stōtra called the Halāyudha-stōtra (vide Hiralal, Inscriptions in the C. P. and Berar (2nd ed.), p. 84. No. 151). Dr. N. P. Chakravarti, the Government Epigraphist for India, has been good enough to send me an impression of this stōtra. There are several manuscripts of the Halāyudha-stōtra in the Madra-Government Oriental Manuscripts Library (D. Nos. 11271 to 11278). A critical edition of the Halāyudha-stōtra, using the text as appearing on the Amarēśvara temple wall as the basic text ( म ) and giving variant readings from three other manuscripts of the Government Oriental Manuscripts Library is appended to this note. The record at the Amarēśvara temple is dated Samvat 1120, Kārttika-vadi 13 or A. D. 1063.

From the stotra above referred to, we are sure that its author Halayudha must have been a staunch devotee of Siva. We agree with Dr. Chakravarti that as the stotra-record is dated 1063 A.D., the author of the stotra must have lived prior to the 11th century and could not therefore be identical with the famous Halayudha who adorned the court of King Lakshmanasëna of Bengal and who is the author of several sarvasvas like Brāhmanasarvasva, Pandutasarvasva, Mīmēmsāsarvasva, etc.

The Telugu poet Pālkuriki Sōmanātha who lived about 1190 A.D., refers in his Dvipada Basavapurāņa to a Halāyudha, a follower of the Śaiva cult, and who was a native of Navagrāma. The last verse of the stōtra in the Amarēśvara temple distinctly refers to its author as a native of the village Navagrāma. We are therefore on sure ground if we identify the author of the stōtra with the Halāyudha referred to by Sōmanātha as an ardent devotee of Śiva. The last stanza above referred to reads as follows:

Dvijō dakshiṇa-Rāḍbīyō Navagrāma-vinirggataḥ | Halāvudha-vu(bu)dhas=Śambhōr=imām stutim=arīrachat || (v. 64)

Of the works listed under the name Halāyudha by Aufrecht, the Abhidhānaratnamālā deserves our attention. In stanza 25. p. 4. of the work edited by Aufrecht in 1861 we find that among the several names of Vishņu, 'Sambhu' also is given as one. This is rather interesting as it reveals the mentality of the author. No other lexicographer has given the name Sambhu as synonymous with Vishņu. And only a staunch Vīraśaiva, who believes that every word should ultimately denote only 'Siva' as Siva is all-pervasive, could have allowed himself to use 'Sambhu' as a synonym of Vishņu. Thus, it is not too much to assume the identity of authorship between the author of the Abhidhānaratnamālā and the Halāyudha-stōtra.

In his instructive introduction, Dr. Aufrecht has argued that Halāyudha the lexicographer should be assigned to a date earlier than the eleventh century A.D. And we find that the author of the Abhidhānaratnamālā should be identical with the author of the Kavirahasya as the last stanza of the last mentioned work reads as follows.

Iti samāptam=avāpta-guņ-ōdayam Kavirahasyam=idam rasika-priyam | sad-abhidhāna-nidhāna-Halāyudha-dvija-varasya kṛitiḥ sukṛit-ātmanah ||

The third quarter is indeed an indirect reference, in accepted poetic style, to the author's other work, his lexicon. Abhidhānaratnamālā. Dr. Keith has fixed the date of Halāyudha, the author of Kavirahasya as contemporaneous with his patron the Rāshṭrakūṭa King Kṛishṇa III.

We therefore conclude that the author of the Halāyudha-stōtra should be identical with Halā-yudha, the author of the Kavirahasya and the Abhidhānaratnamālā and should have flourished in the latter half of the tenth century A.D.

The edition of the  $st\bar{o}tra$  is based on four texts of which  $\pi$  is the record found at the Amares-vara temple, and is printed as the basic text.

- ₹ represents the manuscript described in D. No. 11271.
- क represents the palm-leaf manuscript written in Telugu script described in D. No. 11274.
- π represents the paper manuscript in Telugu script described in D. No. 11272.

## TEXT.

[Metres: vv. 1-61, Mandākrāntā; vv. 62, 64, Anashtubh; v. 63, Šārdūlavikrūļita.]

- १ ॐ नम: शिवाय ॥ विम्नं निम्नन्दिर्दवदन: प्रीतये वोस्तु¹ नित्यं वामे कूटः प्रकटितव्य(त्त्र) हृहचिणस्यू लदन्तः । यः श्रीकग्छं पितरमुमयाश्चिष्टवामार्डदेहं हृद्वा नूनं स्वयमिप देधावर्डनारी खरत्वं (त्वम्) ॥१॥ श्चाघ्यः पुत्रः स भवति किल स्वस्य वप्तः सकाशादत्ते कै[श्वित् क्वचिदिप गुणैये]-³
- 2 : समुक्तर्षलेखाम् । इत्यं वांक्र(वाञ्क)न् पितुरिधकतां पंचवक्कस्य नृनं षष्ठं वि(बि)भद्द-दनमपरं पातु विष्वं विश्वाखः ॥२॥ एको देवः स जयित श्विवः केवल ज्ञान-मूर्त्तिर्देवी सा च विभुवनिमदं यद्विभूतिप्रपंचः । यत्कूटस्यं मिथुनमिवनाभाव-संवंध(बन्ध)योगानिमश्ची[भूतं तद्खिलजगज्ज]-
- 3 बाबीजं नमामि ॥३॥ एकः म्रष्टा सकलजगतामादिभृतः खयंभूस्त्राता तेषां विभव-नगुरुर्व्वासुदेवः प्रसिद्धः । यस्तौ द्वावप्यतुं लमहिमा संहरत्यन्तकाले कस्तस्यान्यो भवति सद्द्यः श्रीमहाकालमूर्त्तः ॥४॥ वक्तं वाञ्छां हर निरविध लब्महिमः [स्रकृपं चेतश्रीतत्क]-
- 4 तिपयपदत्तानमात्रावसनं(त्रम्) । <sup>6</sup>ज्ञात्वैवेदं तिनयन<sup>7</sup> मया त्वहुणस्तोत्रभक्त्या स्वात्मन्येव स्वयमि क्वतो ध्रष्टतापद्व(ब)न्धः ॥५॥ वागीशस्वं युगपदिखनज्ञानसंपत्तियुक्तः का ते<sup>3</sup> तृष्टिः स्तुतिरचनया मादृशस्याल्पश्कोः । एवं ज्ञात्वा हर विर[मित स्तोत्र- हेती हठा]-
- 5 नो भत्त्यावेशात्प्रसरित मुखाद्वारती किं करोमि ॥६॥ यत्ते तत्त्वं निरुपिध परं वाद्मन:पारभूतं व्र(ब्र)ह्मादीनामिष हर गिरस्तच भग्नाः प्रवेष्टुं(ष्टुम्) । श्रर्व्वा- चीनं यदपरिमदं पार्व्वतीवन्नभन्ते रूपं भत्त्या वरद तदहं वाग्भिरभ्यर्चयामि ॥७॥ श्रन्यै: स्तो[वं रचितमस्तस्यं]-

नीऽम्तु (ग) <sup>2</sup> दधायर्घं<sup>0</sup> (ग)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The portion between square brackets in this and the following verses has been restored from manuscripts in the Government Oriental Manuscripts Library, Madras.

कैविवलं (क)

अमल (क)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> ज्ञाला चें (ग)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> विणयन (म, क)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> कार्ल (ग)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> यदि परिमितं (क), यदि परिमदं (अ)

- 6 दिभिर्व्वाग्विलासे: फलाप्रायै: किमिदिमियता त्यञ्यते महचोभि: । किं वा कैश्वित्कन-क्रिक्मलैरिर्चितं पादपीठं भक्त्या शंभी न पुनरपर: पूजयत्यक्षेपुष्यै: ॥८॥ पथ्या-हारी हर जलमुचां यौ च यौ पन्क(क्ष)जानां मित्रामित्रौ वरद हिव[षां दाहकग्राहकौ]
  - 7 यो । यो गंधस्य प्रजनवहनी तानहं तृष्टिहेतों रष्टी वन्दे विभवनगुरोर्मूर्त्तभेदांस्तवे तान् ॥८॥ सन्मा(संसा)रेस्मिन्ध्रुवमसुलभं मानुषं जन्म लब्धा(ब्धा) युषानिको भजित सुक्तती कश्चिदन्यं च देवं(वम्) । श्वारूढोऽपि स्नारहर गिरिं रोहणं भाग्यवे[गांदेकी रक्षं कलय]-
  - 8 ति महत्काचमन्यश्व फला १९०॥ ये लामईन्मुगत इति वा भिक्तयोगाद्भजन्ते तेभ्यः शक्यो फलमभिमतं लं ददासीति युक्तं(क्रम्) । अध्वक्कान्तैः खरुचिरुचिरं नाम किच्चिद्गृहीत्वा शीतं पीतं जलमिह जनैः किं न दृप्तिं करोति॥११॥ [आदि-त्यादिग्रहप]-
  - 9 रिकरी याति चायाति नित्यं कालश्वायं दिवसरजनीपच्चमासर्तुचिद्धः । एतत्सर्व्यं ननु
    [न घटते] प्रेरकत्वं विना ते <sup>8</sup>कार्ये चास्मिन पुनरपरस्थास्ति सामर्थमितत्
    ॥१२॥ तस्थागारे गिरिष्र रमते धेनुवत्कामधेनुः <sup>9</sup>क्रीडावाटे विटिष[सदृषः कत्यते क]-
  - 10 [न्यष्टचः । लाचारचामिणिरिव करे तस्य चिन्ताम]िणः स्याद्यस्मिन् सिदः<sup>10</sup> सक्षदिप क्षपादृष्टिपातप्रसादः<sup>11</sup> ॥१३॥ मीली लोलचिद्यत्रितिगय्योतिसृतांशुं कार्ये क्रूरं कवित्तविषयामेले व्यालराजं(जम्) । ज्योत्स्नागीरं [वपुषि वि]-
  - 11 ग्रदं वि(बि)भ्रती भस्मरागं ज्ञाता सम्यिक्तानयन<sup>12</sup> मया योगभूषा तवैव<sup>13</sup> ॥१४॥ धत्ते ग्रीभां घुरुणतिलकस्पर्धि चत्तुर्ललाटे माली लम्ना<sup>14</sup> त्रिद्यतिटनी मालतीमालिकेव । त्त्वेडं क्रीडारुगमदमयी पचलेखेव कग्छे [ग्नाघ्य: शक्षी स्फ्रुरित सहज: को]-
  - 12 पि भूषाविधिस्ते ॥१५॥ दग्धं येन चिभुवनिमदं देव दुर्बारधास्ता दग्धः सीपि चिनयन<sup>15</sup> भ[व]दृष्टिपातन कामः । युक्तं चैतद्भवति पुरुषो यः परस्थोपतापी

¹ पुनरपि पर: (ग)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> पत्थाहारौ (भ) <sup>5</sup> भव्ययोगात (म)

³ दष्टहेती: (भ, ग), द्रष्टिहेती: (क) <sup>6</sup> फम्लुम् (ग)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> हंहम् (क) 7 Four letters seem to have been first engraved after this and then erased.

ह कार्ल (क) कीडावाटीविटिप (क, ग)

<sup>10 [</sup>To me the reading here seems to be °दासा[सी]द्व: —Ed.]

<sup>12</sup> हिन्द्यात: प्रसाद: (च, क) 12 विषयन (क, ग)

<sup>13 [</sup>I read समायोगभूषा लघैर —Ed.]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> नद्मा (क) <sup>15</sup> विषयन (क, ग)

तस्थावस्थं पतित ग्रिरिस क्रोधदण्डः प्रभूणां(णाम्) ॥१६॥ कस्य चेमी भ[विति बिलना स्पर्धमानस्य सार्धे]

- 13 यस्वत्कोपाचिनयन¹ भवचन्न[षा विच्च]तोभूत् । प्रेम्णा दष्टेऽधरिकसलये दृष्टवान् यः स गामी² लीलान्द्रत्यचतुरविनताभ्नूलताप्रेच्चणिन ॥१०॥ ये दारिद्योपहतवपुषी ये च दीर्भाग्यदम्धा ये वा शबुत्यसनिवक्तना ये च मीर्ख्योपतप्ताः³ । [ये वा कैसित् विनयं]-
- 14 न टढं पीडिता दु:खग्नी कैस्तेषामिक स्वमित शरणं तर्षितानामिवाश्वः ॥१८॥ श्वाघ्यं जन्म श्रुतिपरिणतिः सित्त्रुयायां प्रवृत्तिः प्रीढिः शास्त्रे लिलतमधुरा संस्कृता भारती च । स्फीता लच्मीर्वपुरिप दृढं चन्द्रलेखाङ्गमीले <sup>7</sup>युषास्रेवा[पद<sup>®</sup>विरह्तितं सर्वमे]-
- 15 तत्पनानं(नम्) ॥१८॥ त्वत्पूजायां कुसुमहरणे धावतः पादयुग्मं <sup>9</sup>यत्पाषाणत्र[ज]परिकरो-त्कीर्णरेखाङ्कमासीत् । यत्तस्यैव <sup>10</sup>त्वदनु चरतो रुद्रनोकं गतस्य त्र(त्र)स्मादीनां <sup>11</sup>मकुट-किरणश्रेणयः श्रीणयन्ति<sup>12</sup> ॥२०॥ येषां युषात्रतिकृतिग्टहं नि[म्पतां पाण्यो ये<sup>13</sup> त्व]-
- 16 इतानां सिलललुलितेर्गोमयैः संप्रलिप्ताः । तेवामीय त्रिट्यनगरीनायकत्वं गतानां ते लिप्यन्ते स्वगमदरसैः खेचरीणां कुचेषु ॥२१॥ यस्ते कृत्वा स्वपनमस्तैः पञ्च-भियन्द्रमीले पञ्चात्कैश्वित्कुसुमनिकरैर्मूर्ष्न ब्रष्नाति [मालाम् । तस्यावश्यं]
- 17 सकलभुवनैकाधिपत्याभिषित्ते वभ्नन्यन्ये शिरिस परमैखर्यसाम्बाज्यपदृम् ॥२२॥ एतचित्रं किचिद्पि मया नैव दृष्टं श्रुतं वा तिद्वस्पष्टं कथय किमिद्वाथ कौतू इलं मे। यत्ते भक्त्या हर चरण्योरिर्फितं पुष्पमेकं सद्यः सूते फल[मिभिमतं कोटि]-
- 18 श: कामरूपं(पम्) ॥२३॥ यस्ते भक्त्या वरद चरणदंदम्हिश्य दद्यादेकं नीली-त्यलदलमपि त्वत्यसादेन नूनं(नम्) । तत्यत्यंतं निपतित पुनर्दष्टिरालील तारैर्दिव्य-स्त्रीणां कुवलयदलत्र्वेणिदीर्घे: कटाचै: ॥२४॥ क्वत्वा मालां घनपरिमली[ज्ञारि-धाराकदम्बै]-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> विषयन (क, ग) ·
<sup>2</sup> यस्य मामी (ग), य: स कामी (म) [Reading seems to be इष्टवान्यन्न कामी—Ed.]

 <sup>\*</sup> त्वमिप (क)
 \* यिमन् (ग)
 \* फल (ग)

 • य: पाषाचां व्रत्रपरिकरोत्तीर्णस्काक्तमासीत् (ग)
 \* त्वदनुभवतां (ग)

<sup>[</sup>Reading is परिकरोद्गीर्चरतात्रमासीत्तत्तस्यैव.—Ed,]

म मुक्ट (क)

12 शोषयन्ते (ग)

13 प्राङ्गपेयं (ग)

<sup>16</sup> सुवनेकाधिपत्याभिषेकै: (ग) 16 [Reading is वभासि लं-Ed.] 16 भृष्टतालील (ग)

- 19 र्यस्ते करहाभरणपदवीं प्रापयेबीसकार । दिव्यक्कीचां विप्रसपुलकैबीइभिः करह-लग्नैस्तस्यापि त्वं वितरिम चिरं निर्भा(र्भ)राश्चेषसीख्यं(स्थम्) ॥२५॥ क्वत्वा पूजां तव चरणयोरादरादष्टमूर्ते यः साष्टाङ्गं प्रणमितं महीप्रष्ट(ष्ठ)पीटे(ठे) लुठित्वा । प्रत्यास[त्रं चितिपतिपदं]
- 20 प्रीतिव(ब) द्वानुरागा तस्त्रोत्तक्के सुठित धरणी रेणुचक्रच्छलेन ॥२६॥ त्वामुह्य्य चिन-यन जनी यः प्रदीपं ददाति च्योतिर्ज्ञासादिस्तर्तिमरं द्योतितान्तर्निकेतं(तम्) । तस्त्री मायारजनिविस्त द्वाटमो हान्यकारच्छेदप्रीढं त्वमपि दि[प्रसि ज्ञानमात्मप्रका]-
- 21 सं(श्रम्) ॥२७॥ चित्रैकां जारचितकुषु मेर्डू र्ष्किटे पूजियत्वा यः स्तीति त्वां जय जय महादेव देवेति वाचा । सीप्यारोहन्हर तव पुरं मीलिव(ब) हाष्त्रजीनां श्रका-दीनां स्तुतिविषयतां त्वत्रसादात्रयाति ॥२८॥ भस्रस्नानं वहसि श्रिरसा स्व[र्धुनी-वारिभारं शा-
- 22 न्तां मूर्त्तः(त्तिं) कखयसि करे कार्मुकं युक्तमेतत् । प्रथन्येषां कतिपयपुरस्वामिनां चित्रभूतासेष्टा दृष्टास्त्रिभुवनपतिः किं महिमस्व न स्युः ॥२८॥ त्वामाराध्य त्रः(त्रि)दशपतयो भुद्धते राज्यलक्षीं भिक्ताभुक्तं तदिप च महादेवश्रव्दे(ब्दै)क-वाचाः । [नैराशिष्यं वरद]
- 23 परमैर्ख्यकोटिप्रतिष्ठं तचेदस्ति त्वयि किमपरै: फलाुभि: श्रीविलासै: ॥३०॥ प्रस्थि-ग्रंथि: पिढवनभवं भस्म<sup>10</sup> भूषाङ्गरागः प्रीति: प्रेतैस्तव सहचराः फैरवाः कीत्र दोषः । वस्त्रैष्वयं परमपदवीं प्राप्य विश्वान्तमुचैस्तस्त यावा क्रवक्रमण[वा सर्वमितत् समा]-
- 24 नं(नम्) १२ ॥३१॥ चावासस्ते पिखवनमण्डिः क्रीडनं यानमुचा भिक्षापाचं इर नरशिर:-13 कर्प्यनं नैष दीष: । चारातीयिकानयन भवत्वत्वसंस्थी हि विको निस्त्रेगुस्त्रे पिष्ट क्रियतां को विधि: को निषेध: ॥३२॥ प्रेतावास: शयनस्रशनं [भेजसाशास वा]-
- 25 सः बहुद्वाष्ट्रं च ध्वजसुपष्ट्(हि)तं त्वस्ति नेपयमक्के । स्वयायेवं तदिप भगवनी खरित्य-स्व<sup>16</sup> नाम्नो निःसामान्यस्वमसि विषयो नापरः कश्चिदस्ति ॥३३॥ दारूद्याने द्विजवरवधूपप्रवी रैतसाम्नी होमः सन्त्यानटनमिति ते चेष्टितं नैव दुष्टं(ष्टम्) । [मिथ्याज्ञानीप]-

<sup>े</sup> द्वारि (ग) विगलद (ग) वि

१६ इंग्रा दूर्यस्य (ग)

- 26 इतमनसां मार्गामुक्कं दूरं ये नि:क्रा(निष्कुा)न्तास्त्रिनयन¹ न तां(तान्) लीकवादा: स्प्रश-न्ति ॥ १४॥ देवा: सर्वे दधित वपुषा भूषणं हेमरत्नं गुज्जामाचं कनकमपि ते नास्ति कर्षे करे वा । मार्गातीतं स्मुरित सहजं यस्य सौन्दर्यमङ्गे <sup>3</sup>तस्याहार्ये [व्वतरजनवद्या]-
- 27 दर: स्वाइपेषु ॥३४॥ त्वं व्र(ब्र)स्नादिचिदशगुक्भिः पूजित: स्वार्थहेतोरित्यास्नायो न खतु भवता प्रार्थितः किंबदन्यः । इच्छामात्रात्खयमुपनमन्यप्रतो यस्य भावा-कथमिष्ठ भवेदीखरस्येतरेषु ॥३६॥ खग्डसन्द्रः स्तस्यापेचा ग्रिर मि खख्डमें]-
- 28 वायुधन्ते भिचापात्रं द्रहिणिशिरमः खण्डमेकं कपालं(लम) । खण्डपायस्तव परिकरी यद्यपीत्यन्तथापि त्वं सर्वेषां स्मृतिमुपगतः सर्वपूर्णत्वहेतु: ॥३७॥ पृथ्वीपीटे <sup>6</sup>कतपदमदः खच्छमाकास(श)लिङ्गं तारापुष्पैः शिरसि रचिताभ्यर्चनं च[न्द्रचूड । इत्यं भावादी-
- 29 वहितिधयो ये भवन्तं भजन्ते ते सौयंते त्वयि जसनिधौ निम्नगानामिवौधा: ॥३८॥ वाराणस्यां स्फ्राति यदिदं देवदेवाविमुक्तं सै(शै)वं ज्योतिः सकलभुवनालोकना-दर्भभूतं(तम्) । क्वत्वा तिस्मन्प्रमन्ति पदे चेत्रसंन्यासयोगं [त्वय्ये]कत्वं व्र[जित पुरुषस्तेज]-
- 30 सीव प्रदीप: ॥३८॥ यस्रत्यचं सकलभुवनाश्चर्यभूतं विभाति ज्योतिर्क्किङ्गं कनककिपशं त्रीगिरी श्रीमि दिशं(श्रम) । तत्पश्यन्तः प्रिव सुक्ततिनस्यक्तसंसारबन्धास्वत्का-रुखाचिर गणपदप्राप्तिभाजी भवन्ति ॥४०॥
- $^{31}$  वाचाधीर्यं $^{9}$  इतवहतनं शक्तिपाणि भवन्तं ये ध्यायन्ति चिनयन $^{10}$  मनस्तेजसा निर्धहन्तं-(तम्)11 । गङ्गासीत:सदृश-
- 32 विलसद्रद्यपद्यप्रवाहै:12 सद्यस्तेषां प्रसरित [मुखाङ्का]रती नाच चित्रं(त्रम्) भाखज्योति:किरणमरुणं [दिच्चि]णेऽच्णि<sup>13</sup> स्थितं त्वां ये वीचनते पुरुषम्दितं 4 स्थात<sup>15</sup>मादित्यमुर्त्तिं(र्त्तिम) । ते सर्वेत्राप्रतिहतदृशः सूर्यपर्यन्तलोकं पश्यंत्यग्रे करतललुठलं[दुकस्पष्टरूपम्]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> विणयन (क, स)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> कपिश्चे (ग)

<sup>3</sup> तस्याद्वारैर्विस्त (ग)

र्व विदश्यतिभि: (ग)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> ऋवगत: (ग)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> क्रतपदमपि खस्यमाकाश्रलिङ्गं (ग)

<sup>े</sup> भुवनादर्भनालीकभूतम् (ग)

<sup>\* [</sup>Probably the reading is कार्या\*[त] स्थिर —Ed.]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> वाचातीतं (ग) [Reading seems to be vāchy-ātīnam(tam).—Ed.]

<sup>10</sup> वि**णयन (क, ग)** 

<sup>11</sup> तमसेजसां निर्वहन्तम् (ग)

<sup>13</sup> प्रभावा (क)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> दिवणाचि (ऋ)

<sup>14</sup> पुरुषहृदयं (ग)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> भ्यामं (ग)

- 33 ॥४२॥ ये ध्यायन्ति खद्ददि विमलं चित्त्व मात्मेकरूपं विद्यादर्भे प्रसरद्दिभतो भूर्भुव:-खिखलोकीं(कीम्) । इत्यं गत्यागितपरिचयात्ते तवैव प्रसादात्सर्वेश्वत्वं इर विकरणीं ग्रीलयन्ती लभन्ते ॥४३॥ ये त्वां ग्रंभी द्वदयभवनांभी रहाभ्यन्तरस्थं क्वान[ज्योतिस्तदुपिव]-
- 34 शाद्गीहिशूकाग्रस्त्यं(स्थाम्) । उद्दीसन्ते दृढतरत्वयं तिष्युपाधिप्रशाशास्त्रव्येकत्वं नभिस कलशाकाशवित्रिर्व्विगन्ति ॥४४॥ अर्चिर्व्विद्युत्प्रश्वतिभरतं मार्गावित्रामलोके(कै)यें गच्छन्ति विनयन पथा देवयानेन केचित् । भुक्ता भीगाननुपमरसान् स्वेच्छ[या ब्रह्म-लोके]
- 35 तं तस्यान्ते पुनरिप शिव त्वस्याय्वं भजन्ते ॥४५॥ यवानन्दः स्पुरित परमज्योति-रालोकजन्मा भुज्यन्ते च स्वयमुपनता यव दिव्यास्य भोगाः [।\*] यवाद्यत्तिर्वे भवति पुनः पञ्चमाध्वप्रसिद्धं तद्दैराजं पदमिप शिव प्राप्यते त्वत्रसादात् ॥४६॥ त्वय्यातमा[नं निह्तिम]-
- 36 खिलैस्वहुणै: संप्रथुक्तं खच्छादर्भे मुखिमव चिरं चैतसा निश्चलेन । ये पश्यिन्ति चिनयन मनोवाञ्छितार्थप्रस्तिस्तेषामाविर्भवित सुधियामेव धर्म: समाधि: ॥४०॥ ज्ञानच्योति: सकलजगतां ख्र¹प्रकाशस्त्ररूपं लामात्मानं परिहितगुणस्पर्भ[मीशान-मीले]
- 37 <sup>12</sup> यत्रैकस्मित्रवहितिधयां <sup>13</sup> योगदृष्टिस्थितानां स्वच्छादशें प्रतिफिलितविद्विश्वमितचकास्ति ॥४८॥ भूतं भूतस्मरणविषयं भावि<sup>14</sup> नान्धत्र काले सूस्मं मध्यं चणिम<sup>15</sup>ह तयोर्वर्त्तमानं वदन्ति । तिस्मन्मीख्यं कियदमतयो येन मत्ता<sup>16</sup> मनुष्या यृश्वित्वेवां भव भ]-
- 38 वभयध्विन्स(ध्वंसि)नीं नाद्रियन्ते ॥४८॥ ज्ञानं न स्थात्क्षचिदिप किल ज्ञेयसम्व(संब)स्वशून्धं ज्ञेयं सत्तामपि न लभते ज्ञानवा(बा)ष्ट्यं कदाचित् । इत्यन्धोन्धयधितसुभयोर्व्या-पिकं यत्पुरूपं<sup>17</sup> तत्ते प्राइ: प्रक्षतिपुरूषस्थार्द्वनारीष्ट्यरत्वं(त्वम्) ॥५०॥ यत्प्रत्यचं न भ[वति न्रणामि]-

 <sup>1</sup> चित्तं (भ)
 2 विश्वादशें (ग)
 2 विलोकान् (ग)

 4 अजन्ते (क)
 5 ज्ञानज्यीति: (ग)
 6 विषयन (क, क)

 7 उपगता: (ग)
 8 तहेराग्यं (भ)
 8 विषयन (क, ग)

 10 सुधियानेष: (ग)
 [Reading see ms to be सुधियान्धर्ममें(ए)क: समाधि:—Ed.]

 11 सप्रकाश (ग)
 12 There is a sign of visarga before this danda.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> मिता; (ग) <sup>17</sup> यनु इपम (ग)

- 39 न्द्रियाणामश्कोर्यत्सम्ब(स्तंब)स्यग्रहणविरहान्नानुमेयं च किन्चि(किंचि)त् । श्रव्दा(ब्दा)दीनामपि न विषयं यत्परीचलक्ष्पं ज्ञानज्योतिर्यदिह परमं सत्व(च)मध्यात्ममूर्तिः ॥५१॥ त्वामात्मानं वरद परमानन्दवी(बी)धलक्ष्पं ये वु(बु)ध्यन्ते विगलितजगद्भेदमायाप्र-प[च्चम् । रागत्यागात्]
- 40 स्तिमितमनसो देव जीवन्त एव [भ्रश्य]न्माया निविडनिगडग्रंथयस्ते विमुक्ताः ॥५२॥ श्वायं विमुक्ताः ॥५२॥ श्वायं विमुक्ताः विमुक्ताः ॥५२॥ श्वायं विमुक्ताः विमुक
- 41 नामन्तराय: ॥५२॥ 10 श्राशा वास: शयनमवनिर्व(ब्रे) ह्याचर्यं च दीर्घं मीनं दण्डग्रहण्म-शनं भिच्चया भस्म शीचं(चम्) । वैराग्यच्च विनयन भवत्तत्ववी(च्वबी)धादिहीनं मूलादेवं ध्रुवमलवणं सर्व्वमेतदिभाति ॥५४॥ स्थित्वा कालं चिरतरमपि व्र(ब्र)-ह्यश्कादि[लोके कर्म]-
- 42 च्छेदात्पुनरिप तत: स्थादवश्यं निपात: । एकं नित्यं पदमुपगत: क्षेश्यकमीं मिपाकं श्रेवं ज्योतिर्यदिह सुलभं ज्ञानयोगेन पुन्मां (पुंसाम्) ॥५५॥ श्रकादीनां क्रतुफल- यु(ज्ञ)षां यत्सुखं नाकलोकी तत्कीटा देविरक निलयस्थापि तुत्थं विभाति । येनै- कान्तं ।-
- 43 न भवित सुखं कस्यचिन्नापि<sup>14</sup> दु:खं इंडग्रस्ं चिभुवनिमदं त्वं तु तस्माहिमुक्तः ॥५६॥ व(ब)श्वच्छेदादिह तनुभतां यत्त्वया साकमैक्यं सा चैन्मुक्तिः शिव किम-नया यातु यहात्वकूपं(पम्) । त्वं मे स्नामी भवदनुचरः ग्रर्घ्व यसर्व्वदाहं ति स्नाघ्यं स्वपित[पदवीं काम]-
- 44 यन्ते न भृत्या: ॥५०॥ वातोडूतस्पुटपुटिकनीपत्रतीयोपमाने को विश्वासं व्रजित चपले जिम्मिने जीवितिस्मिन् । <sup>15</sup>कान्तस्त्रीणां प्रियसहचरैर्निर्क्भरालिङ्गितं मे चेत: श्रभो स्विपित न यथा तल्प्रसादं<sup>16</sup> कुरुष्व ॥५८॥ त्वन्नेत्राग्नि<sup>17</sup>व्यतिकरिमेव प्रा[क्रनं पुष्पचा]-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> कदाचित (भ, त, ग) <sup>2</sup> मूर्ते (ग)

³ ग reads है इध्यन्ते etc., as third quarter and रागलागात् etc., as second quarter.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> निगलनिविड (अ, क) <sup>5</sup> ग reads this stanza as 60th stanza.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> जन्ती: क्रपशमनस: (ग) <sup>7</sup> सर्व (भ) <sup>8</sup> दी (ग) <sup>8</sup> भुजा (ग)

<sup>10</sup> ज reads this stanza as 62nd stanza. 11 विणयन (क, ग)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> उपनतक्तेश्र (ग, म) <sup>13</sup> नाकलीकै: (ग) <sup>14</sup> नास्ति (च, क, ग)

<sup>15 [</sup>Reading seems to be द्वात(द्वत)नृषाप्(प्रि)यसहचरी etc.—Ed.] 16 तन्त्रसादं (द्व, क)

<sup>17</sup> द्यतिश्रसमयं (ग)

- 45 प: । स्रात्वा नूनं व्यवसितमितिर्व्वेरनिर्धातनाय । यसका(संस)क्तं तव चरणयोर्देव सेवानुरागासन्ये चेतः प्रहरित शरैक्यच तद्रच यक्कात् ॥५८॥ मिचापाचं स्रग- जमजिनं जीर्णकीपीनमेकं कंथा रथानिपतितजरचीरलेशेस सब्दी । एतावा- [नो हर परिक]-
- 46 रख्वस्रसादेन नित्यं भूयाङ्ग्यस्तव चरणयोर्भ्यसी भक्तिरेका ॥६०॥ देवस्ताबङ्गवित भगवस्मर्मं सर्मास्य सारस्तस्मात्पूर्व्वं महदिति पदं प्रीक्तमुख्कंपमाच । माहात्म्यं ते सारहर महादेव नाम्नैव लीके दूरारूढं वरद किमहं स्तीत्रमन्यत्करीमि॥[६१॥ 3 कालेन]
- 47 नीतः सर्व्वीपि पुनरावर्त्तते जनः । महाकालेन नीतस्य नाष्ट्रतिर्विद्यते पुनः ॥६२॥ श्रव्यक्ताच्चरजस्यितरिपि शिशोः प्रीतिर्मुद्धणां भवेत्तेनास्मद्वचनं मलीमसमिप स्थात्तु-ष्टिहेतुस्तव । श्रान्तस्वद्गणकीर्त्तनात्किमिप यत्पुखं मयोपा[र्जितं तेन]
- 48 स्थार्ज्ञ ननान्तरिप महती त्वय्येव भित्तर्मम ॥६३॥ दिज्ञी दिख्णराठीयो नवग्रामिव-निर्मात: । इलायुधवु(बु)धश्रास्थोरिमां स्तुतिमरीरचत् ॥६४॥

हलायुधिनदं अभीरिमां स्तृतिमञ्जयक्षत् ॥ D.11271 (च) adds the following stanza before हिजी दिचल etc:— महाकाचिन सिक्यन्तामामीदेन विस्त्राया ।

संसारी ब्रह्में स्वरूप मानादन विस्त्रया संसारी ब्रह्में स्वरूप ग्रहणं चनम्॥

विजी देखिकराधीयी वनग्रामविनिर्मित: ।

and reads the stanza हिजी दिच्या etc., slightly modified:—

हिजी दिखिकदेशीयी नवग्रामविनिर्मित: ।

इलायुधबुध: श्रमोरिमां स्तुतिसचीकरत्॥

<sup>1</sup> Danda unnecessary. ² स्वर्गसर्गस्य (ग) 3 फ, क, and म read the following two stanzas as 62nd and 63rd stanzas and कार्लन नीत:etc., as 64th stanza :-यत कचिइवतु देव मनुष्यतिर्यग्योनौ खकर्मपरिपाकवशात् प्रमृति: । तत स्थितस्य मम बालधगाङ्मील लगादभक्तिश्चलाम्तु भवग्रमादात्॥ तव चरणसरोजी दत्तमेकं प्रस्नं फलति जलिधिवेलाविष्टितां भृतधाबीम् । प्रतिदिवससपयोभिक्तिकौत इलानां फलिमदिमिति प्रकारी प्रकार केन वक्तम ॥ 4 This syllable should ordinarily be short. ⁵स्तात (क) • क adds the following before डिजी दिचिए महाकालवनं सेवे कढाचिडलमिक्कया । संसारभगणीपेतयमापनयने चमा ॥ ष्रदृष्टासम्हाकालंसितसीवै(?) दये तत: । यत: कारणमुत्पत्तिकपचारै: प्रवर्तत ॥ and reads the stanza दिजी दिचण etc., slightly modified :

# No. 18.—A NOTE ON THE HALAYUDHA STOTRA IN THE AMARESVARA TEMPLE.

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There are several Sanskrit stötras engraved on the side walls of the ardhamandapa in the Amarēśvara Temple at Māndhātā, which were copied by me early in 1938. The northern wall contains three of these, viz., (1) a stotra in 8 lines and 9 verses in praise of the river Narmadā, (2) the well known Siva-Mahimna-stötra in 40 verses taking up 22 lines and (3) a single verse in 3 lines in praise of Siva and Pārvatī. The main record on the southern wall contains the text of the Halāyudha-stotra. Several manuscripts of this stotra are preserved in the Government Oriental Library at Madras (Nos. 11271-11278), some of which are with commentaries in Sanskrit, Telugu and Kanarese. I have already noticed these records in the Annual Report, Arch. Survey of India, for the year 1937-38 in the chapter on Epigraphy. Though Hiralal noticed all these records as unimportant, I found the colophon of the Halāyudha-stōtra to be of sufficient interest for the history of Sanskrit literature, and as the stötra has not yet been published, I requested my friend Vidyāsägara Vidyāvāchaspati P. P. Subrahmanva Śāstrī, Professor of Sanskrit in the Madras Presidency College and honorary Curator of the Government Oriental Manuscripts Library at Madras, to undertake to edit the record in the Epigraphia Indica—a request to which he readily responded. This note only supplements the information contained in his introduction to the text edited above. I have also given below the text of ll. 48-56 of the record which Professor Sastri has omitted as it is not relevant to the Halāyudha-stötra.

The whole record is in 56 lines, and is engraved on four rectangular slabs of stone fixed into the wall on the southern side. The first slab contains 10 lines, the second 21 lines, the third 22 lines and the fourth only 3 lines of writing. The last lines of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th slabs (i.e., ll. 31, 53 and 56) are only half lines. A few letters at the end of each complete line are now missing but wherever possible these have been restored from manuscripts now preserved in the Government Oriental Library. The script is Nāgarī and the language Sanskrit throughout. The engraving is rather shallow but on the whole well executed. There are a number of grammatical and other errors, particularly in the portion which is the writer's own composition. All these have been noticed in footnotes or in the body of the text. These mistakes show that the writer, though he calls himself a Pandit, was not well versed in Sanskrit.

The record opens with the phrase Om namah  $Siv\bar{a}ya$  which is immediately followed by the  $Hal\bar{a}yudha$ -stōtra in praise of Siva. The stōtra actually finishes in v. 63, the last verse being a colophon containing an account of the author of the hymn. This is immediately followed by another hymn (ll. 48-50) in 5 verses the text of which is identical with that found in the Siva-dvādasa-nāma-stōtra² and gives the 12 principal names of Siva. Then comes a verse enumerating five  $yy\bar{v}tirlingas$ , viz., those at Avimukta (Benares) and Kēdāra, besides Omkāra. Amara and Mahākāla (at Ujjayinī). It may be noted here that though the names of Omkāra and Amara have been given separately, the eight other great lingas have been omitted in this list.

Lines 51-53 give the names of a few Saiva teachers in the following terms: In the city of Bhōja, living in the Sōmēśvaradēva monastery and hailing from Namdiyada was the Pāśupata teacher Bhaṭṭāraka śrī-Bhāvavālmīka whose disciple was Bhaṭṭāraka śrī-Bhāvasamudra. L. 53 mentions also Paṇḍita Bhāvavirimchi. Apparently the two mentioned last were responsible for setting up the records found on these four slabs. The next two lines contain an account of the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> List of Inscriptions in the C. P. and Berar (2nd ed.), p. 84, No. 151.

<sup>\*</sup>See Catalogue of Manuscripts in the Government Oriental Manuscripts Library, Madras, Nos. 9259-9261.

writer, Pandita Gāndhadhvaja of the Chapala-gōtra. He was a disciple of Vivēkarāśi who was again a disciple of the Paramabhaṭṭāraka śrī-Supūjitarāśi.

The last line contains the date, undoubtedly of the setting up of the record, which I have read as Samvat I[1]20 Kārttika vadi 13. The reading of the second digit is, however, uncertain which may also be read as 2. The same date is given at the end of the Mahimna-stava found engraved on the northern wall which was also written by the same Paṇḍita mentioned there as Gandhadhvaja, and also at the end of the Narmadā-stōtra, without giving the month and the tithi in both the places. But in these instances also the second digit is not clear. Unfortunately the date cannot be verified for want of sufficient details. If the year is 1120 the date would ordinarily correspond to Friday, the 21st November, A.D. 1063 and if read as 1220 the corresponding date in Christian era would be Sunday, the 27th October, A.D. 1163, taking the year as Chaitrādi and the month pūrņīmānta in both cases.

I have in the Annual Report referred to above discussed in detail the identity of the poet Halayudha and also of Dechaya who wrote a commentary on this stotra in the sixteenth century A.D. I have shown there that the Halayudha of our record could not be any of the three scholars of the same name mentioned by Mr. J. C. Ghosh, all of whom flourished during the reign of the Sēna kings of Bengal. Prof. Šāstrī has now adduced an additional proof that undoubtedly the same Halāvudha has been referred to in the Telugu Dvipada Basavapurāņa<sup>2</sup> of Pālkuriki Sōmanātha who lived towards the end of the twelfth century. I have also suggested in the same place that our Halāyudha may be identical with the author of the Kavirahasya, the Abhidhānaratnamālā and the Mritasañjīvanī, the last mentioned being a commentary on Pingala's Chhandahsūtra. It need not worry us that the first named work was written in the court of the Rāshṭrakūṭa king Krishnaraja III (A.D. 939-967) and the last mentioned work in the court of a different ruler, viz., the Paramāra Muñja-Vākpati (A.D. 974-993), as it is quite possible that the poet after the death of his Rāshtiakūta patron moved to the Paramāra court which was noted for its patronage for learning at that time. Mr. Ghosh has identified Navagrāma in Dakshina-Rāḍha with the village of the same name in the Bhurshut paryanā of the Hooghly District in Bengal.3 We cannot argue that it is not possible for a poet hailing from far off Bengal to be at the courts of two prominent Indian rulers, one having his capital at Malkhed in the Nizam's Dominions and the other at Dhar in Central India, when we know of several other scholars from Bengal who held a similar position.4

L. 51 of the record mentions Bhōjanagara and a monastery there known as Sōmēśvaradēvamaṭha. One is tempted to identify Bhōjanagara with Dhārā, the capital city of the Paramāras and the monastery with an establishment built probably by the Chālukya Sōmēśvara I who for a time occupied the Paramāra kingdom. But it is to be remembered that the capital city of the Paramāras is always referred to as Dhārā even at the time of Bhōja and his successors also continued to use the same name. It is not also certain whether the maṭha was built by a ruler called Sōmēśvaradēva or was simply attached to a temple of Śiva known as Śōmēśvara. I am also not able to identify Namdiyaḍa, the original residence of the Śaiva ascetic Bhāvavālmīka.

<sup>1</sup> Indian Culture, Vol. I, p. 503 ff.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> According to this work Halāyudha belonged to Navapura which is apparently the same as Navagrāma of our record, see *Basavapurānamu* (Andhra-granthamālā series), p. 127.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Indian Culture, Vol. I, p. 503. Bhurshut is the ancient Bhūriśrēshthi in Dakshina-Rāḍha where Śrīdhara completed his Nyāyakandalī, a commentary on the Padārtkapravēśa in Śaka 913 (A.D. 991). It is also the Bhūriśrēshthika of the Prabōdhachandrōdaya of Krishnamiśra (11th century), which is stated to be the birth-place of 'Ahaṅkāra'. This leaves no doubt that the place was well known in the 10th and 11th centuries.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See Indian Culture, Vol. I, p. 702 and Vol. II, pp. 360 f. See also the Kollagallu Inscription of the Rāshṭra-kūṭa Khōṭṭiga (above, Vol. XXI, pp. 263 ff.) which mentions a Gadādhara of Tadā-grāma in Bengal.

### TEXT.

- Prathamam tu1 Mahādēvam dvitīyam cha Mahēśvaram(ram)| tri(tri)tīyam Sankaram iñēyam² chaturtham Vrishabhadhvajam(jam) [||1||\*] Pamchamam Kri[ttivāsam cha sha\*]-3
- 49 shṭhaṁ Kāmāṅganāśanaṁ(nam) [|\*] saptamaṁ Dēvadēvēśaṁ⁴ Śrīkaṇṭhaṁ ch=āshṭamaṁ smṛitaṁ(tam)<sup>5</sup> [||2||\*] Navamaṁ Iśvaraṁ<sup>6</sup> dēvaṁ<sup>7</sup> daśamaṁ Pārvvatīpriyaṁ(yam) [.\*] Rudram=ēkādaśam nāma dvādaśam Śivam=uchyatē || [3||\*] Dvādaś=aitānis nāmāni ubhavē samdhyat yaḥ paṭhēt9 [i\*] gōghnaḥ kṛitaghnaś=ch=aiva vra(bra)hmahā guru-talpakah10 [||4||\*] Strī-vā(bā)la-[ghātakaś=ch=aiva\*]3
- 50 surāpayī<sup>11</sup> vṛishalī-patiḥ<sup>12</sup> [|\*] muchyatē sarvva-pāpēbhyō Rudra-lōkam<sup>13</sup> sa gachchhati ||[5||\*] Avimuktaś=cha Kēdāra Ōmkāraś=ch=Āmaras=tathā [|\*] pamchamam(mas=) tu Mahākālah pameha-lingāh prakīrttayē<sup>14</sup> || [6||\*] Ajñānā[d\*]=jñānatō vā=pi yad=viruddham= anushthitam(tam) | tat=sarvvam paśu-bhūpasya kshantavyam kāran-ēśvara | [7:1\*]15
- 51 Svasti [|\*] Śrī-Bhōja-nagarē śrī-Sōmēśvaradēva-maṭha-nivāsī Namdiyaḍa-vinirggatam-(tah) praņāma-gōtra-yama-niyama-samja(ya)ma-svādhyāya - dhyān - ānushṭhāna - rata - paramaśrī-Amarēśvaradēvō(va)-trailōky-Pāśupat-āchārya-bhaṭṭāraka-śrī-Bhāvavālmīka[ḥ\*] ādhipatih(tēh) dhyāna-puņya-sa- -16
- 52 ētat(ch)-si(chhi)shya i[shṭ-ādhi]ka-pradāna-rata-triḥ(tri)kāla-samdhya(dhyā)-samādhikaraņa-guru-pāramparya-vidhāna-yukta[ḥ\*] śrī-Amarēśvaradēva-pāda-pamkaja-bhramara ādhvīna(ādhvanika?)-pathasrā(śrā)nta-tapōdhan-ābhyāgat-ālaya17 - - samtāpah ||18
- 53 śrī-Amarēśvaradēva-vīkshaṇa-mūrtti-sadā-nivāsī bhaṭṭāraka-śrī-Bhāvasamudraḥ || paṁḍita-Bhāvavirimchi[h\*] praņamati Śivaḥ(vam)||
- 54 | Omis svasti[\*] Šrī-Amarēśvara-dēvasy=āyatan[ē] trailokya-viśrut[ē] sthānē dēva-dānavadur[jjaya]-dēva-guru-na(ta)podhata(na)-su(śu)śrūshā-rata-paramabhattāraka-śrī-Supū-
- jitarāsi(śiḥ) [|\*] etat(ch)-si(chhi)shya-Vivēkarāsi(śiḥ) [|\*] punaḥ tasya sishya(śishvēna) Chapalagōtra-vinirggata-sahaja-bhakti-śānta-mūrtti-paṇḍita-Gāndhadhvajēna paramabhaktyā mahimna<sup>20</sup> Ha-
- 56 lāyudha-stutim ātmasy=ārthē<sup>21</sup> svayam likhitam=iti || Samvat 1[1]20 Kārttika-vadi 13[1\*] Mangalam mahāśrīh || || ||
  - <sup>1</sup> M. cha (M. denotes Ms. No. 9260 in the Govt. Or. Manuscripts Library, Madras). 2 M. nāma.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Restored from M.

<sup>4</sup> M. Dēvadēvam cha.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Read Navamam=I°.

<sup>8</sup> M.=aitāti-,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> M. brahmaghnö guru-talpagaħ.

<sup>12</sup> M. surā-pān-ādi-pātakah.

<sup>14</sup> Read prakīrttitāh.

<sup>5</sup> M. Nīlakantham=ath=āshṭamam.

<sup>7</sup> M. nama.

Pread as in M. tri-sandhyam yah pathen=narah.

<sup>11</sup> Read surāpo.

<sup>13</sup> M. Śivalōkam.

<sup>15</sup> Metre of verses 1-7 is Anushtubh.

<sup>16</sup> These two letters are illegible. A few letters after these also appear to have been missing.

<sup>17</sup> There is some space between to and la but this portion seems to have been left un-engraved owing to a damage in the stone.

<sup>18</sup> Dandas unnecessary.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Apparently intended for Śiva-mahimnō.

<sup>19</sup> Expressed by a symbol.

<sup>21</sup> Read atma-śreyörthe.

# No. 19.-TWO INSCRIPTIONS ON COPPER-PLATES FROM NUTIMADUGU.

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These copper-plates which were in the possession of a peasant of the village Nütimadugu in the Anantapur District were shown to Mr. C. N. Jeevanna Rao, B.E., Minor Irrigation Supervisor of the District, when he had gone to the village during one of his periodical official visits. It appears that while the cattle-shed attached to the house of the peasant was being repaired, the plates were found buried under the lower wooden hinge of the door of the shed. Mr. Rao kindly brought them to the notice of Mr. M. Srikanta Srouty, B.E., Local Fund Assistant Engineer, Anantapur, who sent them on to me for examination. As they were somewhat corroded when I got them, they were sent to the Archwological Chemist in India who was good enough to clean them. I edit them below with the kind permission of the Government Epigraphist for India.

The plates are three in number each of which is  $5\frac{1}{8}$ " in breadth and  $9\frac{1}{8}$ " in length from the centre of the arch at the top. They are strung together on a copper ring which did not bear any seal when the plates were received in the office of the Government Epigraphist for India. It was found that the ring had not been soldered. So it is difficult to say definitely whether this is the original ring which held the plates when they were issued; it is not impossible that the original ring to which the royal seal was attached, might have been lost and the present ordinary ring substituted in its place. The rims of the plates are slightly raised in order to preserve the writing. The weight of the plates, with the ring, is 116 tolas.

At the outset it must be observed that the set of plates is a palimpsest containing two records, one, an Eastern Chālukya grant of the 10th century A.D. and the other, which has been engraved over the earlier inscription, of the time of the Vijayanagara prince Triyambaka, I am unable to explain the circumstances under which the original Chālukya document was used by prince Triyambaka of the first or Sangama dynasty of Vijayanagara for writing his own charter more than five centuries after the original was engraved and why it was defaced and a new one incised upon it.

Of the original Eastern Chalukya grant which I shall call A, both the beginning and the end are missing. The extant portion starts on the first side of the second plate of the Vijayanagara grant (hereafter called B) and after being continued on its second side and on the first (outer) side of the first plate ends on the second side of the latter, after giving the name of the king and the geographical division in which the donated village or land was situated. The portion which must have contained the details of the gift such as the name, gotra, family, etc., of the donee, the name of the village or land granted and its boundaries, the date of the grant and the imprecatory verses, is lost. This must have been engraved on a separate plate which was probably removed at the time when the Vijayanagara grant was engraved and the third plate of the present set which is altogether a new one inserted in its place. Both the plates of the earlier grant are inscribed lengthwise like all Eastern Chālukya grants. It should be noted that these two plates have been slightly cut out at both the corners on the top (i.e., on the left-hand side when held lengthwise) in order to give them the shape of an arch like all Vijayanagara copper-plate grants. During this precess some letters in each line have been lost. The later grant was engraved upon three of the four sides of the earlier one. Even on the side that was not defaced by being again written upon (i.e., the first side of the first plate of B) a portion on the right-hand side is damaged by corrosion and some of the letters cannot be read. On the second side of the second plate of B, only half the portion of the criginal document has been written upon and the letters on the other half, though well beaten, are visible and can be read. Of the remaining portion of the inscription only faint traces are seen, but with the help of the other grants of the Eastern Chalukya dynasty I have succeeded in

deciphering to a great extent the preserved portion of the record. The alphabet is ancient Telugu of the 10th century A.D. and the language of the extant portion is Sanskrit.

In spite of the shortcomings noted above this inscription (A) which refers itself to the reign of Vikramāditya (II) is valuable as it is the first and only record of the king yet discovered. As pointed out above, its beginning, which must have been written on a plate which does not now form part of the set, is missing. The first king mentioned is Jayasirihavallabha (i.e., Jayasiriha I) who, as in all other records of the Eastern Chālukya dynasty, is given a reign of thirty years. Then follows the genealogy of the dynasty recording the length of each reign, down to Vikramāditya (II) who is introduced in the usual prose preamble to the grant (Il. 25—27) with the birndas of Samastabhuvanāśraya, Mahārājādhirāja, Paramēśvara, Paramabhaṭṭāraka and Paramabrahmaṇya. He issues a command to the Rāshṭrakūṭas and others inhabiting the Kaṇḍēruvāḍi-vishaya. The name of this vishaya occurs in different forms as Gaṇḍēruvāṭi, Kaṇḍēruvāḍi, Kaṇḍēruvāḍi and Kaṇḍravāḍi in several Eastern Chālukya inscriptions and its chief town Kaṇḍēru, after which the district was named, has been identified with Kantēru in the Guntur District.¹ The grant portion which was recorded next and the date, if it was given, are lost thus depriving us of some valuable facts.

No information of any historical importance that is not already known can be gathered about the predecessors of the donor, riz., king Vikramāditya II. Attention may, however, be drawn to the length of reign assigned to Vijayāditya II, the builder of 108 temples of Narēndrēśvara. He is here stated to have reigned only for 10 years as in the majority of the Eastern Chālukya copper-The verses describing the reign of Vikramāditya (II) are new and not found in any other record of the family so far known. The first of them states that he regained the ancestral throne which had been forcibly seized by Talapa after killing him. The verses that follow praise his prowess in war in a conventional style, but one interesting fact which one of them (v. 5) discloses is that he fought one hundred battles for eight years and took the kingdom (from his enemies) along with Fame. But it is not possible to say whether this refers to his fight with Tala or to another war as a result of which he made some conquests and extended his kingdom. If by the expression rājyam kīrttyā samam=agrahīt, his obtaining the ancestral kingdom is meant we would get an idea of the period of time that was taken by Vikramaditya in regaining the throne from Tāla. No doubt the Maliyapundi grant of Ammarāja II tells us that Vikramāditya (II) slew "at the head of a rough battle this Tala-raja together with crowds of different vassals, who were joined by a superior army (and) had troops of furious elephants "2. It is, however, not certain whether Vikramāditya was engaged in fighting Tāla and his allies after Tāla became king. But all the Eastern Chālukya inscriptions assign to Tāla a reign of only one month. If, however, the rival claimants were engaged in warfare for eight years, it is difficult to guess who ruled the country during this long interval between the period after the ejection of Kanthika-Beta by Tala, and the time when the latter succeeded temporarily in seizing the Chalukya throne. No clue to such an interregnum is available from any of the Chālukya records. The question can be solved only by future discoveries.

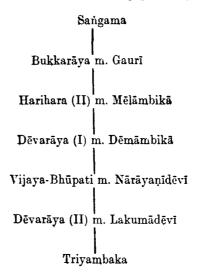
Of inscription B the second plate is written on both sides, the first and third being written on the inner side only. But the lower half of the second side of the second plate and the upper half of the third plate are left blank. The plates are numbered one, two and three respectively in Kannada numerals. The record, like many other grants of the Vijayanagara kings, is written in Nandināgarī characters except the sign-manual śrī-Triyambaka in line 68 which is in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Above, Vol. XVIII, p. 56.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Above, Vol. IX, p. 55.

Kannada-Telugu script. The alphabet employed is regular for the period to which the record purports to belong and closely resembles that of the Śrīrangam plates of Mallikārjuna¹ dated Śaka 1384, and the Śrīśailam plates of Virūpāksha of Śaka 1388.² The language is Sanskrit and excepting the words śrī-Gaṇādhipatayē namah in the beginning of l. l and śrī-Triyambaka in the last line the whole inscription is in verse. Many faults common to Vijayanagara grants such as mistakes of spelling, dropping of anusvāra or visarga, using them in places where they are unnecessary and omissions of letters, are found in this one also. As they have been corrected in the body of the text or in foot-notes it is not necessary to notice them here in detail.

The record is important as it is the second known grant of the Yuvarāja Triyambaka; the only other inscription of this prince is published in the Mysore Archaelogical Report for 1925,3 though its importance had not been recognised or discussed. The genealogical portion from Sangama down to Triyambaka is common to both the grants. Opening with invocations to the Boar-incarnation of Vishņu and Gaṇēśa respectively, the present grant mentions the Moon and his descendant Yadu who ruled the earth. The following genealogy is then given:—



The epigraph further proceeds to state that after Triyambaka's father had gone to heaven, Immadi-Praudha-Dēvēndra (i.e., Mallikārjuna') became king. Verses 15 to 17 tell us that he bore the paramount titles of  $R\bar{a}j\bar{a}dhir\bar{a}ja$  and  $R\bar{a}japaram\bar{e}svara$  and give a list of the king's birudas—the usual epithets of the Vijayanagara kings of the first dynasty. He is stated in verse 18 to have anointed his elder brother Triyambaka as Yuvarāja. This prince who was also called Chikkodeya was established (as Governor) at Ghanādri (i.e., Penugoṇḍa) by the king (v. 19).

The object of the inscription is to record that while Prince Triyambaka was governing his province (of Ghanādri) he granted the village of **Bommehāļu**, renaming it as **Lakshmīpura**, after the name of his mother, to the Brāhman **Māchivōkta**, son of **Vallabhōkta** of the Śuklayajuś- $\delta \bar{a}kh\bar{a}$  on Monday, the **full-moon day of Kārttika** in the cyclic year **Yuva**, the **Śaka year** being **1377** which is expressed by the numerical words  $dh\bar{a}tu$  (7) adri (7) guna (3) and  $bh\bar{u}$ (1). The date is slightly irregular as the full-moon day of Kārttika in the year cited fell on Saturday, the

Above, Vol. XVI, plate between pp. 350 and 351.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Above, Vol. XV, plate facing p. 22.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Pp. 98 ff.

See Ep. Cara. Vol., III, Seringapatam 89 and Kielhorn's Southern List, No. 497.

25th October A.D. 1455. The discrepancy may be due to the fact that the engraver might have written Sōmavāra by mistake for Saurivāra; or it is not impossible that, while the grant was actually made on Saturday, it was recorded on Monday and this latter day was cited by mistake. The donee is stated to have been well versed in Vēdas and Šāstras and to have mastered the science of polity (nīti-śāstra). The Yuvarāja made the grant in the presence of god Triyambaka at Bhāskarakshētra (i.e., Hampi). The donated village Bommehāļu was situated in Paṇḍemēru-māgaṇi, which was a sub-division of Gutti-rājya in the valita (district) of Penugoṇḍa. After the imprecatory verses the record closes with the signature of the Yuvarāja Triyambaka.

The donor Yuvarāja Triyambaka is known, as already stated, only from two records (including the one under publication) and not noticed in any of the genealogies of the first dynasty of Vijayanagara so far published. From vv. 11-12 of the present record we learn that he was the son of Dēvarāya. But the most interesting fact revealed by our inscription is that he was the elder brother of the king Immadi-Praudha-Devendra (i.e., Mallikarjuna). If he was actually the elder brother, how could his younger brother Mallikarjuna succeed to the throne? The question can be answered in two ways; one is to consider that Mallikarjuna, who ascended the throne after the death of Triyambaka's father, was the son of the pattamahishi (senior queen) and Triyambaka, though older in age, was the son of a junior queen and that consequently the throne passed on to Mallikarjuna after his father's death. The second is to regard Mallikārjuna and Triyambaka as sons of brothers, that is to say, Mallikārjuna belonged to the senior line and Triyambaka to the junior line, for it is quite common among Hindus to address and mention cousins as brothers.1 This raises an important issue, viz., if Mallikārjuna and Triyambaka were actual brothers, were they the children of Dēvarāya II or his younger brother Pratapa-Devaraya? From the use of the epithet praudha-pratapa-vibhavah which is applied in the present grant to Devaraya, the father of Triyambaka, it would appear that they were the sons of Pratapa-Dēvarāya, who is considered by some scholars to have had the distinctive title of Praudha-Pratapa.2 From the inscription under publication we learn that Immadi-Praudha-Devendra became king after the death of Triyambaka's father who, if Triyambaka and Mallikārjuna were brothers, would also be the father of the latter. This would mean that the father of the brothers i.e., Pratāpa-Dēvarāya, the younger brother of Dēvarāva II, was the predecessor of Mallikarjuna on the throne of Vijayanagara. And in support of this conclusion it may be argued that some inscriptions which refer themselves to the reign of a certain Vijaya and bear dates later than the death of Devaraya II (A.D. 1446)3 might have been issued by Pratāpa-Dēvarāya, who is known from an inscription4 to have had the surname of Vijaya. But there is one serious objection to this theory. Abdur Razak, who was an envoy from Persia to the court of Devaraya II, and who had an audience with him has recorded that the younger brother (Pratapa) was killed in A.D. 1443, i.e., 3 years before the death of his elder brother.5 And there appears to be no reason to doubt the veracity of the statement of this contemporary writer. If, however, Mallikārjuna and Triyambaka were the sons of Dēvarāva II this difficulty would not arise. But in this case we would have to admit that Devaraya II, the father and predecessor of Immadi-Praudha-Dēvēndra was also described as praudha-pratāpa-vibhava. This expression, then, is to be regarded as either being used indiscriminately as a biruda both of  ${
m D}$ ēvarāya II and his younger brother Pratāpa- ${
m D}$ ēvarāya or, that it was not a biruda and had no

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As it is not known from any source that Mallikārjuna was nominated as the successor to his father in preference to his elder brother, this alternative is not considered here.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Above, Vol. XVII, p. 195.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> An. Rep. A. S. I. for 1907-08, p. 251.

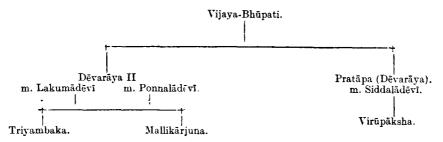
<sup>4</sup> Mys. Arch. Rep. 1921, p. 30.

Sewell: A Forgotten Empire, pp. 73 ff.

special significance but was merely a descriptive epithet. This view is further strengthened by the fact that while all the known copper-plate grants of Virūpāksha, besides stating that his father was Pratāpa, contain a reference to Pratāpa's elder brother (i.e., Dēvarāya II), Mallikārjuna's copper-plate records mention only his father Dēvarāya II. We have also inscriptions of Dēvarāya II where he is described as prauḍha-pratāpa-prakaṭita-mahimā or prauḍha-pratāpa-vibhavaḥ. If this surmise is accepted, the inscriptions which refer themselves to the reign of Vijaya, after the date of the death of Dēvarāya II, will have to be attributed, as suggested by the late Rao Bahadur Krishna Sastri,² to Mallikārjuna himself.

Now let us examine the possibility of taking Mallikārjuna and Triyambaka as cousins, the latter being the son of a junior member of the line though older in age than the former. As pointed out above, according to our inscription Immaḍi-Prauḍha-Dēvēndra (i.e., Mallikārjuna) succeeded Triyambaka's father Dēvarāya after the latter's death. In other words Mallikārjuna (who belonged to the senior line) succeeded his uncle. Since Dēvarāya II is not known to have had more than one brother who was variously called Pratāpa, Dēvarāya and Śrīgiri, it follows that Pratāpa did reign at least for sometime after the death of his elder brother. But this surmise again comes into conflict with the definite statement of Abdur Razak who was a contemporary of Dēvarāya.

It, therefore, appears to me that the most satisfactory solution of the problem is to consider both Mallikārjuna and Triyambaka, as the sons of Dēvarāya II from two different queens and that Mallikārjuna, being the son of the paṭṭa-mahishī (senior queen) ascended the throne after his father. As a matter of fact, we know that Mallikārjuna's mother was Ponnalādēvī³; and Triyambaka's mother was Lakumādēvī. If this view is correct the order of descent of the princes of this family from Vijaya-Bhūpati downwards would be as shown below:—



Attention may be drawn to another interesting fact revealed by the inscription, namely, that Triyambaka had the surname Chikkodeya. Nuniz mentions after Dēvarāya II a prince named Pinarao who was assasinated. If we could rely upon this writer's account—in many places his statements are inaccurate—there would be no impossibility in considering Chikkodeya to be identical with Pinarao, the latter name being but a Telugu variant of the Kannada form Chikkodeya.

Of the geographical places mentioned in the inscription it is well known that Bhāskara-kshētra is Hampi (Bellary District) which was the capital of the Vijayanagara kings. The donated village Bommehāļu may be identified with Bommeparti situated at a distance of seven miles from Anantapur. Gutti, after which the division Gutti-rājya was named, is Gooty, the head-quarters of a taluk in the Anantapur District. Ghanādri is the Sanskritized form of Penugoṇḍa which is also the headquarters of another taluk in the same district. It was from the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See e.g., Ep. Carn., Vol. XI. Chitaldroog 29 and ibid., Vol. VIII, Nagar 65.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> An. Rep. A. S. I., 1907-08, p. 246.

<sup>3</sup> Ep. Carn., Vol. VIII, Nagar 65.

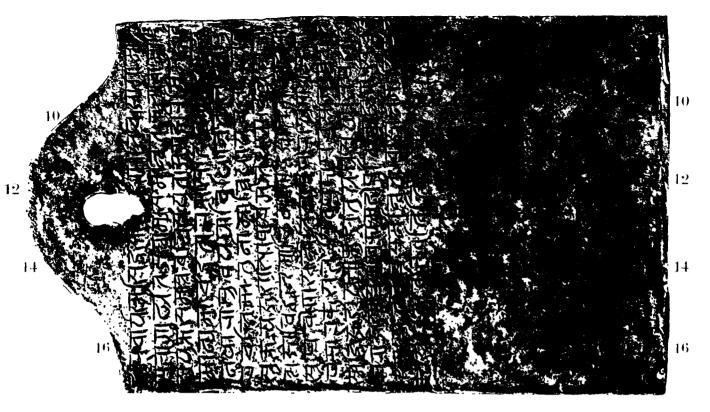
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Sewell: A Forgotten Empire, p. 303.

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Two Inscriptions on Copper-Plates from Nutimadugu.

A.—Incomplete grant of the Eastern Chalukya Vikramaditya (11).

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From photographs.

time of Harihara I and Bukka I the seat of a Viceroyalty¹ and became the capital of the Vijayanagara kingdom after the destruction of Hampi following the Tāļikōṭa disaster. The sub-division Paṇḍemēru-māgani was apparently named after the stream Paṇḍamēru which feeds the big tank of Bukkarāyasamudram at Anantapur.

### TEXT of A.2

## <sup>3</sup>Second Plate : First Side.

- 1 ..... Tat-putrō Jayasimha-vallabhas=trayastrimsad4 -va[rshāni] | tad-anu-
- 2 [j-Endra-rā\*]<sup>5</sup>jasya priya-tana[yō] Vishņuvarddhanō nava [vatsa]rān | tat-sutō Maṁgi-yu-
- 3 [varājaḥ pa\*]ñchavimśati[m\*] | tat-putrō Jayasimhas=trayōdaśa vatsarān [j\*] tad-dvaimātur-ānujaḥ
- 4 [Kōkki\*]liḥ shaṇ=māsān i tasya [jyēshṭhō] bhrātā Vishṇuvarddha[naḥ] sv-ānujam= ājā[v=u]-
- 5 [chchā\*]tya saptatrimsat4 | tat-tanujō Vijayāditya-bhattārakah ashtā[dasa]
- 6 [varshāṇi\*] tad-aurasō **Vishņurājaḥ** shaṭṭrimśad-abdān<sup>6</sup> | tat-sutō **Vijayādityaś**= chatvārimśata
- 7 ..... ¶a]shṭōttara-śata-śrīman-Narēndrēśvara-kārakaḥ [l\*] tad-ātmajaḥ [Ka]li"Vishnuwarddhanas=s-ārddha-
- 8 [samām | tat-sutō\*] Vijayāditya[h] chatuschatvārimsads-varshāni | tad bhrātur= yuvarājasya Vi-

### Second Plate: Second Side

- 9 [kramādityasya\*] tanayaḥ Chālukya-Bhīmas=trimsads-varshāṇi s tat-sutō Vijayādi.
- 10 [tyaḥ shaṇ=māsā\*]n | 10 sapta-samvatsarān=ta(rāms=ta)sya sūnur=Amma-mahīpatiḥ [|\*] Yātē Gaṇḍaragaṇḍa-bhū[bhu]
- 11 ∪ ∪ prāpt-ābhishēkas=ta[ta]s=sūnuṁ ∪ vaśāt=sa ∪ Vijayādityaṁ punas= Tālapa[ḥ |\*]
- 12 — ru-gatam vidhāya ba — [bhūya] bhūmīśva[rō] bhūmim pālayati
- 13 — tam śrutvā vachō — [||1\*]11 Āgatya drutam=āyata-pratimukha
- 14 — n=uddhatān=hatvā tad-rudhirā → bhīma-[ba]la nistrimsa-bhāsvad-bhuja-[ḥ | ] tan=dagdhvā
- 16 U — U [ ||2\*]<sup>11</sup> Viśāl-āvakāśam=imam......kshiti-payōrāśi[shu] kūla-śālī

<sup>1</sup> An. Rep. A. S. I., 1907-08, pp. 239 and 241.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> From the original plates.

<sup>\*</sup> The first plate is lost. As the extant portion of the genealogy starts with Jayasimha I, the second ruler of the Eastern Chālukya line, it is not likely that more than one plate is lost.

<sup>4</sup> Read °śatam varshāni.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The portions enclosed within square brackets with asterisk have been lost and here supplied with the help of other Eastern Chālukya grants.

<sup>6</sup> Read °śatam abdāni.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> From here up to kārakah the text appears to be half an Anushtubh verse.

<sup>8</sup> Read °śatam varshāni.

This punctuation mark has been engraved after erasing a superfluous na.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> From here up to mahipatih the text seems to contain a half verse in Anushtubh.

<sup>11</sup> Metre: Śārdūlavikrīdita.

## Third Plate; First Side.

- 17 .....t-prabhur=adhipatēr=yyasya sarōruhāsanaḥ | [3\*] Yad-asi
- 18 — tv-āgādham=mahad-ripur=ambugair=vviśati vimukhō vārām rāśim sphurad-rana-ramgatah | va
- 19 🔾 vanitā-chakshur=vvāri-prasikta-tanus=satīn=asakrid-akhilā jajñē — 🔾 🔾
- 21 U rājyam yah kīrttyā samam=agrahīt #[5\*] Yat-kānti-vikrānti-krit-ābhibhūtī la
- 22 U Chitta-vrirtī(vrittī) | [|\*] chandrō mrig-ārāti-ruchāv=ap=īmau jātau U guhā

# Third Plate; Second Side.

- 23 — [|| 6\*]4 [A]panudati parēshām rāga-mo[hau ya]dīyo [di]sati cha karavāla
- 24 U U I chirayati samagram bhūri-sāmsāra-mōhan=Nara iya
- 25 [bhu?]vi siddhō lōka-vikhyāta-kīrttiḥ | [7\*] Sa samastabhuvanāśraya-śrī-
- 26 [Vi]kramāditya-mahārājādhirāja-paramēśvara-paramabhattāra-
- 27 [ka-pa]ramabrahmanyah Kandervvādi-vishaya-nivāsinē rāshtrakūta-pramukhā-
- 28 [n=kutumbinas=sa]rvvān=ittham=ājñāpayati viditam=astu | ......māditvā....

## TEXT of B.7

[Metres:--Vv. 1, 3-35 Anushtubh, v. 2 Sragdharā, v. 36 Śālinī.]

### First Plate.

- 1 Śrī-Gaṇādhipatayē namah | Avyād=vah prathamah Pautrī(Potrī) sarasā-
- 2 m=udvahan=rasā[m \* priy-āmga-samga-samjāta-śā(sā)ndra-śvē(svē)d-ōdavām=i-
- 3 vaḥ(iva) [[11\*] Rimga[n\*]n-utsamga-ramgē nija-radana-dīyā(dhiyā) Sam(Śam)karah
- 4 s-ōttamāmgād-a(ā)karshan(nn)=indu-lēkhām pitari gata-rada-stēvam=
- 5 ārōpayamś=chah(cha) [|\*] mātuh prōtsāhayamtyā smita-śuchi-vadanam vīkshamā-
- 6 na(nah) sa-hāsam bālō vāskalya(vātsalya)-bhūmih kalayatu muditō mam-
- 7 galānyakadantaḥ(lāny=Ēkadantaḥ) |[| 2\*] Asti kaustubha-kalpadru-kāmadhēnu-sahōdarā-(raḥ) [|\*]
- 8 Ramānuja[ḥ\*] Sudhānāthaḥ kshīra-sāgara-sambhavaḥ [[ 3\*] Udabhūd=anvayē ta-
- 9 sya Yadu-nāmā mahīpatih | pālitam yat-kulīnīna(nēna) Vasudēvēna bhū-
- 10 talam(lam) |[| 4\*] Abhūd=asya kulē śrīmān=abham[gura\*]-guṇ-ōdayaḥ + apāsta-durit-ā-
- 11 samga[s\*]=Samgamō nāma bhūpatih [[ 5\*] Dik-karīdra(ndra)-du(dhu)r-ādhāra-dakshina-
- 12 skandha-bandhurah | Bukkarāya[s\*]=tatah śrīmān=āsīd=āhava-ka-
- 13 rkasah(śaḥ) [[ 6\*] Ahīna-bhōga-śam(sam)saktir=asau rāja-śikhā-
- 14 manih | goptā Hariharam Gauryām kumāram=udapā-
- 15 dayat [[ 7\*] Sishţām(Śishţān) samra[ksha\*]tō yasya dushţān=api pi(ni)gri-
- 16 hnatah | labdh-ārthair=vidushā[m\*] sārthai[ś\*]=ślāghyām(ghyā) Hā(Ha)ri-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Metre may be Āryā.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Metre: Harini.

<sup>3</sup> Metre: Anushtubh.

Metre: Indravajrā.

<sup>•</sup> Metre : Mālinī.

<sup>•</sup> The continuation is missing.

From the original plates and ink-impressions.

- 17 Har-ātmatā [[ 8\*] Tasva Mēlāmbikā-jānēs=tanayō vina-
- 18 y-onnatah () Pratapa-Devaray-akhya[h\*] putra[s\*]=Sutrama-
- 19 vikramah [[ 9\*] Tasya Dēmāmbikā-jānēs=ta[na\*]vō [vinav-ō\*]na(ōnna)tah [
- 20 vidyā-vinaya-vijňāna-mdhir=Vijaya-bhūpati[h 10\*]
- 21 Tasya [Nā]rāyanīdēvyā|m\*| prādurāsīd=|d\*|urāsada|h\*| | prau-
- 22 dha-pratā[pa\*]-vibhavō Dēvarāya-mahīpatih [[ 11\*] Tasya śri-
- 23 Lakumādēvī bhārv=ābhūd=bhūpā(pa)tēḥ priyā [[\*] Lakshmīr=iva Murā-

### Second Plate; First Side.

- 24 rātē[h\*] Pārvat=īva Pmāki[nah] | [12\*] Tayō[h\*] prāchīna-puņyānām
- 25 paripāka-višēshatah | tasyā[m\*] Triyambaka[s\*]=sākshāt=kumārah sa-
- 26 majāyata [[ 13\*] Bhuvam hitvā divam vātē tātē tasva mahātmani [
- 27 Im(I)mmadi-Praudha-Devemdro raj=abhūj=jagatīpatih [[1 14\*] Rajadhi-
- 28 rājas=tējasvī vo rājaparamēśvarah [1\*] bhāsh-ollamghi-mahīpāla-
- 29 bhujamgama-vihamgarāţ | 1 15\* Vairi-bhūpati-vētamda-chamda-
- 30 khamdana-kēsarī | gaj-augha-gamdabhērumdō gajēdra(ndra)-mri-
- 31 gayā-rata[h\*] [[ 16\*] Tri-rāja-bhujag-onnaddha-para-rāja-bhavam-
- 32 karah | Hi[m\*]du-rāya-suratrāņa ity-ādi-bhi(bi)rud-onnatah | 17\*]
- 33 Jyāyā[m\*]sam bhrātaram rājā Triyambaka-mahīpati[m](tim) | prada-
- 34 rsa(rśa)ya[m\*]ś=cha saubhrātram yauvarājyē=bhiśēśa(shēcha)yan I[1 18\*] Śrīma
- 35 ch=Chikkodey=ākhyam cha Ghanādrau sthāpan-ātaram(āntaram) | ēvam
- 36 bhrātrā pradattē tu rājyē Chikkoḍahō(Chikkoḍeyō) balī [[ 19\*] sva-rājva[m\*]
- 37 pālayann=atram(atra) dīvyati śrī-Triyambakah [1-1] (]) Śāli-
- 38 vāhana-nirņīta-Śa[ka\*]-varsha-kram-āgatē [[1 20\*] Dhātv-adi(adri)-guņa-
- 39 bhū-yuktē Śak-ābdē Yuva-vatsarē | Kārttikyām su(śu)kla-pa-
- 40 kshē cha pūrņamyā(ņimā)yā[m\*] mahā-tithau || 21\*| Soma-vārē puņva-
- 41 kāl-odayē tathā | pavitrē Bhāskarakshētrē śrī-Tri-
- 42 vanibaka-sannidhau | | 22\* | Penugomd-ākhya-valitē Gutti-rā-
- 43 ivê samanvagē(nvitē) ; (1) Pamdemērū-māgaņau cha sthitām(tam) bādhā-
- 44 vivariitam(tam) [[ 23\*] Bommēhāļu-nāmānam grāmam hi sarva-
- 45 sasyakam | Gururāyasya bobaļyā vameha chāru svākritam [24\*] Nidhi-ni

### Second Plate; Second Side.

- 46 kshēpa-vāry-as(ś)ma-siddha-sā[dhy-ā]kshin-īti cha | āgām=īty=a-
- 47 shta-bhog-adhyam teja-svamya-samanyitam(tam) [[1 25\*] Kuly-aram-adi-
- 48 samyuktam samasta-bali(li)-samyutam(tam) | agraharam=imam sarvam
- 49 mānvam=ā-chamdra-tārakam(kam) [[ 26\*] Sa-hiraņy-ōdaka[m\*]dā-
- 50 na[m\*]dhara-purvam yatha-vidhi | nityam Lakshmipuram
- 51 ch=ēti mātvr=nāmnā vidhāya cha | [1 27\*] - -
- 52 Śukla-yajuḥ-śākhā-pāram-gatas=tathā¹ | Vallabhōkt-ā-
- 53 tmajo vidvān Māchivokto dvij-ottamah [[1 28\*] Vēda-sā-
- 54 stra-praviņaś=cha nīti-śāstra-parāvaņah | par-ō-
- 55 pakāra-kuśalah Śiva-pūjā-paras=tathā | | 29\* Natvā ta-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Four syllables are missing in the first quarter of this Anushtuhh verse.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The second half of this verse is corrupt and I cannot suggest any emendation.

- 56 smai dvij-ēdrā(ndrā)ya bhōktum dātum yath=ēpsayā I sa prādādd=yu-
- 57 varāj-ākhyas=Triyambakā(ka)-mahīpatih | | 30\* Brāhmaņah sa cha sam-
- 58 hrishtah putra-pautra-samanvitah | rajanam-asisham cha-
- 59 krē śchi(chi)ramjīvī bhavatv=iti (31\*)

### Third Plate.

- 60 Sva-dattām para-dattām vā vō harēta vasumdharām(rām) į shamshtir¹=varsha-sa-
- 61 hasrāni vishthāyām jāyatē krimiķ i[1 32\*] Sva-datvā(dattād=)dviguņam puņyam pam (pa)-
- 62 ra-datt-ānupālanam(nē) | para-datt-āpahārēṇa sva-dattam nishphalam bha-
- 63 vēt || | 33\* | Ek=aiva bhagini lõkē sarvēšā(shā)m=ēva bhūbhujām(jām)[l\*] na bhōjyā na ka-
- 64 ra-grāhyā vipra-dattā vasumdharā ||| 34\*] Dāna-pālanayōr=madhyē dānāch=chhrē-
- 65 yō=nupālanam(nam) 1 dānāt=svargam=avāpnōti pālanād=achyutam padam(dam) [[1 35\*]
- 66 Sāmānyō=yam dharma-sētu|r\*]≈nripāṇām kālē kālē pālanīyō bhavadbhiḥ []\*]
- 67 sarvān=ētān=bhāvinaḥ pārthiv-ēmdrān=bhūyō bhūyō yāchatē Rāmacham[drah] [1 36\*]
- 68 śrī-Triyambaka

# No. 20.—SANTA-BOMMALI PLATES OF INDRAVARMAN: [GANGA] YEAR 87.

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The copper-plates, which bear the subjoined inscription, were secured in 1925 from a farmer of the village of Sānta-Bōmmāli in the Ganjām District by Mr. Lakshminarayan Harichandan Jagadev, M.R.A.S., Rājā Bāhādur of Tēkkali, in whose ownership they now he. The inscription seems to have been first published in the *Utkala Sāhitya Parishad Patrikā* of Cuttack, Vol. XXXI, which is not accessible to me. It was next dealt with by its present owner in the *Journ. of the Andhra Hist. Res. Society* (Vol. IV, pp. 21 ff. and plate). His introduction to and reading of the text of the inscription, however, having contained a number of inaccuracies, I take this opportunity to publish a revised edition. The present treatment is based on a reproduction of the plates accompanying the Rājā Bāhādur's paper referred to above.

The plates are three in number and measure<sup>2</sup>  $6\frac{1}{5}$ " by  $2\frac{2}{5}$ ". The first and the third plates bear writing on their inner faces only, while the second one is inscribed on both sides. The plates are in a perfect state of preservation. Towards the proper right end of each plate there is a hole for a ring of  $2\frac{\pi}{10}$ " in diameter to connect them. The seal,<sup>3</sup> on which the ends of the ring are secured, measures about  $4\frac{\pi}{5}$ " and on it is said to be engraved the figure of a (couchant?) bull. The weight of the plates together with the ring is 52 tolas.

The characters belong to the southern class of alphabets and are almost of the same type as is found in the Achyutapuram plates (Year 87) and the Parlä-Kimēdi (Year 91)

<sup>1</sup> Read shashtim varsha-.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> J. A. H. R. S., Vol. IV, p. 21. I have not had any opportunity to verify this and the following information in this paragraph from the original plates. This record has also been noticed in An. Rep. on South Indian Epigraphy for 1925-26, p. 10, Appendix A, No. 2.

<sup>3</sup> No shape of the seal is given; perhaps it is of the usual small oval shape.

<sup>4</sup> Above, Vol. III, pp. 127 ff.

plates of Indravarman. They have also a general resemblance to the script of the stray Tirlingi plate (Year 28?) as well as to that of the Narasingapalli (Year 79) and Urlam (Year 80) plates of Hastivarman.

The numerical symbols 80, 7 and 30 occur in line 23.

As in the Parlā-Kimēdi plates, the heads of the letters have in many places an imperfect and disjointed appearance, as if they had been partially worn away by rust. But as observed by Dr. Fleet, this is due, wherever it occurs, to faulty execution on the part of the engraver, in omitting sometimes to complete the mātrās and sometimes even to commence them at all. Otherwise, the engraving is fairly clearly done. There are six lines inscribed on each plate, the whole inscription containing twenty-four lines in all.

The language is Sanskrit. With the exception of three customary verses (ll. 19-23) and one concluding verse (l. 24), the inscription is written in prose throughout.

In respect of **orthography**, we have to notice (1) the use of the guttural nasal ( $\dot{n}$ ) before h in  $^{\circ}sihha$ , line 24. (2) the substitution of  $anusv\bar{a}ra$  by the class nasal of the following consonant in  $\bar{a}yan=d\bar{a}na$ , l. 18, (3) the doubling of dh in conjunction with a following y in  $\bar{a}nuddhy\bar{a}tah$ , l. 7, (4) the frequent doubling of consonants after r, (5) the occasional doubling of consonants before r and (6) the use of  $anusv\bar{a}ra$  in place of the final form of m in phalam (l. 20) and  $=nup\bar{a}lanam$  (l. 21). The letters b and v are indicated by separate signs, the solitary exception being in  $pariv\bar{a}dh\bar{a}$  (l. 14). The rules of sandhi are observed throughout except in lines 5 and 17.

The object of the inscription is to record the gift of three halas of land towards meeting the expenses of offering regular worship and repairing the temple of god Rāmēśvara-bhaṭṭāraka in Dantayavāgū. Of these two halas lay in the village of Haribhaṭa in the district of Krōshṭukavarttanī and the third at Dantayavāgū itself. The gift was made into a permanent free-hold dēvāgrahāra by Indravarman, alias Rājasimha, who is described as belonging to the spotless family of the Gāngas.

The date of the inscription is given, in figures only, as the years of the prosperous victorious reign (pravarddhamāna-rijaya-rājya-sa:nvatsarāḥ) 80 7; (the month) Jyēshṭba; the day 30 (1.23).

The charter was written by Vinayachandra, the son of Bhanuchandra (l. 24).

We have had as yet three published records of the reign of Indravarman, alias Rājasimha: they are (1) the Achyutapuram plates of the Year 87. (2) the Parlā-Kimēdi plates of the Year 91. and (3) the record under discussion.

Another single plate from Tirlingi (in the Ganjām District), apparently the last of a set, bears an inscription which is dated, according to Mr. S. N. Rajaguru<sup>5</sup>, in the year 28 of the Gānga era. The writer (and engraver) of this stray plate describes himself as

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Ind. Ant., Vol. XVI, pp. 131 ff. For a hthograph of the plates Dr. Fleet refers us to his Indian Inscriptions, No. 18. The plates are preserved in the Madras Museum. This work of Dr. Fleet does not seem to have been eventually published.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> J. A. H. R. S., Vol. III, pp. 54 ff.

<sup>8</sup> Above, Vol. XXIII, pp. 62 ff.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid., Vol. XVII, pp. 332 ff.

<sup>5</sup> J. A. H. R. S., Vol. III, p. 54.

Vinayachandra, the son of Bhānuchandra, who has been taken by Dr. D. R. Bhandarkar¹ to be the namesake of the writer of the three records of Indravarman-Rājasimha mentioned above. Proceeding from this conjecture, Dr. Bhandarkar suggests² that the word read by Mr. Rajaguru as denoting twenty-eight may actually be read as eighty-eight, thus satisfactorily adjusting the date of the plate within the reign of Indravarman of the present record. The reading of the date on this plate has also been doubted by Dr. R. C. Majumdar.³ The reproduction of the plate in question accompanying Mr. Rajaguru's paper⁴ is unfortunately too obscure to admit of verification on this point. What little however remains does not seem to support the reading ashṭhaśītas.....=asya as suggested by Dr. Bhandarkar.⁵

Of the localities mentioned, Kalinganagara has been variously identified with modern Kalingapatam<sup>6</sup> at the mouth of the Vamsadharā river or with Mukhalingam near Chicacole. The Krōshṭukavarttanī (rishaya) is mentioned in a number of early and later Gānga records.<sup>7</sup> It has been identified by Dr. E. Hultzsch<sup>8</sup> with modern Chicacole. A district (bhōga) called Dantayavāgu (really vāgū) is mentioned in the Bṛihatprōshṭhā grant of Umavarman (above, Vol. XII. p. 5. l. 5). But I am unable to identify both this village and that of Haribhaṭa.

Vinayachandra, the writer of the present record, was also responsible for preparing the draft of the two inscriptions of Hastivarman and two of Indravarman<sup>9</sup> mentioned above.

The birada Rājasinha applied to Indravarman in the present record, also occurs in the Narasingapalli and Urlam plates of Hastivarman and also in the Achyutapuram and Parlā-Kimēḍi plates of Indravarman.

The date of our inscription can be ascertained only very approximately. If, as is held by Prof. R. Subba Rao, to the epoch of the Ganga era began from 494 A.D., the date of our record would fall at 494+87=581 A.D. Without caring however to arrive at any one particular year, we would not be far wrong if we placed our record in the period 570-625 A.D.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A List of Inscriptions of Northern India, p. 285, f. n. 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Ibid., no. 2047.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Above, Vol. XXIII, p. 63, f. n. 1.

<sup>4</sup> J. A. H. R. S., Vol. III, p. 55.

In any case, it begins with ashtā. Of the two letters following, the second appears to be a ligature most probably with a guttural nasal (n); while the preceding one has a clear medial i sign. The arguments advanced by Mr. G. Ramdas (J. A. H. R. S., Vol. III, pp. 82-83) for doubting the genuineness of this stray plate do not appear to be conclusive. His reading of the date sitya=ashtha(sic)viti also is not borne out by the plate; for, the conjunct (read by Mr. Rajaguru as sya being a possessive case-ending) coming immediately after samvatsara cannot possibly be broken up into si and tya.

<sup>6</sup> Ind. Ant., Vol XVI, p. 132.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> E.g., Urlam pls. (Yr. 80) of Hastivarman, Above, Vol. XVII, pp. 332 ff.; Chicacole pls. (Yr. 183) of Devendravarman, Above, Vol. III. pp. 131 ff.; Parlä-Kimedi pls. (Yr. 204) of Anantavarman, Ind. Ant., Vol. XVIII. pp. 144 ff., etc.

<sup>6</sup> Above, Vol. XVII, pp. 332 ff.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> He was also probably the same as the writer and engraver of the stray Tirlingi grant (J. A. H. R. S., Vol. III, pp. 54 ff.) the donor of which must remain. pending the discovery of the remaining plates of the set, a mysterious personality. Prof. R. Subba Rao however suggests (J. A. H. R. S., Vol. VI, p. 71) that the donor may be identified with Mitravarman, father of Indrādhirāja, mentioned in the Gōdāvarl plates of Prithivimūla (J. B. B. R. A. S., Vol. XVI, pp. 116 ff. and pls.). This Indrādhirāja has further been held by Dr. Bhandarkar (List, p. 266, No. 1904 and f. n. 1) to be identical with Indravarman of the Jirjingi pls. of the Gānga Year 39 (J. A. H. R. S., Vol. III, pp. 51 ff.).

<sup>10</sup> J. A. H. R S., Vol. V, pp. 267-76.

#### TEXT.1

## First Plate.

- Öm² Svasti [\*] Sarvv-artu-sukha-ramanīyād=vijaya-Kalinganagarāt=sakala-bhuvananirmmā-
- 2 n-aika-sūtradhārasva bhagavatō Gōkarnnasvāminas-charana-kamala-vugala-pranā-
- 3 mād-apagata-kali-kalamkō vinava-nava-sampadām-ādhārah sv-āsi-dhārā-
- 4 parispand-ādhigata-sakala-Kalıng-ādhirājyaś=chatur-udadhi-taranga-mēkhal-ā-
- 5 vani-tala-pravitat-āmala-yaśāh anēka-samara-samkshobha-janita-java-sa
- 6 bdo Gang-amala-kula-pratishthah pratap-atisay-anamita-samasta-samanta-chūda-

# Second Plate; First Side.

- 7 mani-prabhā-manjarī-punja-ranjita-charaņo mātā-pitri-pād-ānuddhvātah paramamā-
- 8 hēśvaraḥ śrī-Mahārāj-**Ēndravarmmā** | **Krōshṭukavarttanyāṁ Haribhaṭa**-gr**āmē** sarvva-sa-
- 9 mavētān-kutumbinas-samājnāpavati []\*] Viditam-astu vo vath-āsmābhir-asmi-
- 10 n=grāmē hala-dvavasya bhūś=chhitvā Dantayavāgvām bhagavatō Rāmēśvara-bhattāraka-
- 11 sya bali-charu-sattra-pravarttanāya khaṇḍa-sphuṭita-saṃskāra-karaṇāya cha Dantaya-
- 12 vägviya cha halasya bhūr=asy=aiva sarvva-karaih parihrity=ā-chandr-ārkka-pratishtham

## Second Plate; Second Side.

- 13 dēvāgrahāran-kritvā mātā-pittror-ātmanas-cha puņy-ābhivriddhayē Talavaradēva-
- 14 bhōgikēna pratibōdhitais=sampradattā [|\*] tad=viditvā na kēnachit=parivā(bā)dhā kāryy= ēti ||\*]
- 15 Haribhata-kshēttrasya cha sīmā-lingāni uttarēņa Kshatriya-taṭāka¹-pariyāhah
- 16 pūrvvēņ=ārjuna-vrikshas=tatō valmīka-panktis=tataḥ kritri(tri)mā pāshāṇa-punja-pankti-[h\*]
- 17 tatō nimba-vrikshaḥ dakshinēn=āpi tat-taṭāka-parivāha ēva paśchimēna kūpas=tata|h\*]
- 18 <sup>5</sup>yamalak-ārjuna-vrikshō tatō rāja-mārggaś=ch=ēti | Bhavishyad-rājabhiś=ch=āyan=dāna-

### Third Plate.

- 19 dharmmā(rmmō=)nupālyas=tathā cha Vyāsa-gītām̄6 ślōkān=udāharanti []\*] <sup>7</sup>Bahubhir= vvasudhā dattā
- 20 bahubhiś=**c**h=ānupālitā [|\*] yasya yasya yadā bhūmis=tasya tasya tadā phalaṁ(lam) [·1\*] Sva-dattāṁ
- 21 para-dattām vā yatnād=raksha Yudhishṭbira [|\*] mahī[m\*] mahimatām śrēshṭha dānāch≈ chhrēyō=nupālanam(nam) [ 2\*]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> From plate opp. p. 23, J. A. H. R. S., Vol. IV.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Expressed by a symbol.

<sup>3</sup> This mark of punctuation is unnecessary.

 $<sup>^{4}</sup>$  Cf.  $R\bar{a}\,jataț\bar{a}ka$ ; above, Vol. III, p. 127.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Is this arjuna a cluster of two trees of the same species? Or, is yamulaka to be restored as āmalaka? In that case we have to read vrikshau in place of vrikshō.

<sup>6</sup> Read -gītān.

<sup>7</sup> Metre: Ślōka (Anushtubh); and in the following two verses.

- 22 Shashţim varsha-sahasrāni modatē divi bhūmidah []\*] ākshēptā ch=ānumantā cha tāny=ēva
- 23 narakē vasēd=iti¹ | pravarddhamāna-vijava-rājya-samvatsarāḥ **80 7 Jyēshṭha-divasa 30**² [|\*]
- 24 \*Idam Vinayachandrēņa Bhānuchandrasya sūnunā [|\*] śāsanam Rājasinhasya likhitam sva-mukh=ājnayā [,4\*]

### TRANSLATION.

"Be it known to you that We have granted, after portioning it off, and on being informed by Talavaradēva, the Bhōgika, and for increasing the religious merit of (Our) parents and of Ourselves, two halas of land in this village for the sake of performing (rites known as) bali, charu and sattra, and for the repairs of dilapidations (of the temple) of god Rāmēśvara-bhaṭṭāraka (situated) in (the village called) Dantayavāgū and (in addition to that) another hala of land in (the same) Dantayavāgū, having constituted it as an agrahāra for god (Rāmēśvara-bhaṭṭāraka) which is to last as long as the moon and the sun, and having exempted it from all impositions.

Having known this, nobody should cause any hindrance".

(Ll. 15-18) The boundary marks of the land (granted) in (the village of) Haribhata are as follows:—On the north, the storm-water channel of the tank (called) Kshatriya-taṭāka: on the east, an arjuna tree, after that a row of ant-hills, then up to the artificial line of heaped-up stones, then a nimba tree; on the south, the same channel of that tank (Kshatriya-taṭāka); on the west, a well, then the twin arjuna trees, then the royal road.

(Ll. 18-23) The future kings should maintain this religious gift. And likewise the verses sung by Vyāsa are quoted:—

(Here come three of the customary verses.)

(Ll. 23-24) The year 87 of the prosperous victorious reign; (the month) Jyeshtha, the day 30.

This edict (sāsana) of Rājasimha has been written at the command of his (the king's) own mouth, by Vinayachandra, the son of Bhānuchandra.

In the present instance also Talavaradēva-Bhōgiku (or Talavara-dēvabhōgika?) seems to have been used as the title of an officer who did the dual function of a talavara and a bhōgika.

<sup>7</sup> For the explanation of the term Bhōgika, see above, Vol. XXIII, pp. 59 and 64. Also C. I. I., Vol. III, p. 100, n. 1.

<sup>1</sup> Read vasēt [ '3\*] iti.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Mr. Jagadev reads the symbol as 10.

<sup>3</sup> Metre: Sloka (Anushtubh). 4 Read simhasya.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> For a translation of the long string of epithets that follows see above, Vol. III, p. 129.

<sup>6</sup> Taravara as an official title (Mahāpratīhāra-Taravara-Vinayaśūrasya) occurs on a Basath seal (An. Rep., A. S. I., 1903-4, p. 109, No. 16). Mahātalavara (along with its feminine Mahātalavarā) in the sense of a high dignitary with indefinite function is frequently mentioned in inscriptions of Ikshvāku kings from Nāgārjunikonda (above, Vol. XX, pp. 6-7 and f. n. 1).

<sup>§</sup> In explaining the technical word kula, in Manu, VII, 119, Kulluka observes thus: shadgavam madhyamam halam=iti tathāvidha-haladvayēna yāvatī bhūmir=vāhyatē tat=kulam=iti vadati. Here the connotation of hala is not clear. In any case, hala appears to be a recognised kind of land-measure.

I am grateful to my revered teacher Dr. R. G. Basak, M.A., Ph.D., Senior Professor of Sanskrit, Presidency College, Calcutta, for kindly suggesting a number of corrections in my interpretation of the text of the inscription.

## No. 21.—PURSHOTTAMPURI PLATES OF RAMACHANDRA: SAKA 1232.

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These plates were brought to my notice by Mr. R. M. Bhusari, M.A., Professor of Marāṭhī, in the Osmania College, Hyderābād (Deccan). At my request Dr. N. P. Chakravarti, Government Epigraphist, supplied me with excellent ink-impressions of them. The original plates were kindly procured by Mr. G. Yazdani, M.A., O.B.E., Director of Archeology, Hyderābād State, and their ink-impressions taken by the Superintendent for Epigraphy, Madras. I am indebted to Mr. Yazdani for permission to edit the plates in this Journal.

The copper-plates, which are three in number, were discovered in the possession of a Gōsāvī at Purshōttampurī on the southern bank of the Gōdāvarī, about 40 miles due west of Parbhaṇi, in the Bhīr District of H. E. H. the Nizām's Dominions. They are very massive, each measuring  $1'2\frac{1}{2}''$  broad, 1'8'' high and  $\frac{3}{8}''$  thick. Their total weight is 47.25 lbs.\frac{1}{1} The ends of the plates are raised into rims for the protection of the writing. The first and third plates are inscribed on one side only and the second on both the sides. The plates have in the centre at the top a round hole  $1\frac{1}{2}''$  in diameter for the ring which must have originally held them together; but neither the ring nor the seal, which must have been connected with it\frac{2}{2}, is now forthcoming. The writing is in a state of excellent preservation. There are 141 lines in all, of which thirty-four are written on each of the first two inscribed sides, thirty-eight on the second side of the second plate, while the last plate has thirty-five lines. The technical execution is very good, there being few mistakes of writing or engraving. In line 51 two redundant aksharas have been cancelled by incising two vertical strokes on the top.

The language is Sanskrit and the record is written partly in prose and partly in verse. There are 59 verses in all. Of the initial 18 verses which eulogize the reigning king Rāmachandra and his ancestors, one completely and another partly<sup>3</sup> occur in the earlier Paithan plates of the same king. It is again noteworthy that in the concluding portion, which contains benedictive and imprecatory verses, there is one verse which is only a hemistich, and another, which is an Anush-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In their size and weight the present plates resemble the Paithan plates of the same king Rāmachandra edited by Dr. Fleet, Ind. Ant., Vol. XIV, pp. 314 ff.—Of the three plates here the first weighs 18 lbs., the second 14:25 lbs. and the third 15 lbs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The aforementioned Paithan plates have a Garuda seal.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> These are verses 4 and 13. The second half of the latter verse occurs as the first half of the corresponding verse in line 46 of the Paithan plates.

tubh verse of six pādas. The inscription is composed in a good style and contains an interesting use of double entendre in several verses of the eulogistic portion. Of lexicographical interest are the old Marāṭhī words, phulabaḍnē and jōisī (modern Jośī). The former which is the title of a royal functionary¹ occurs also in an old Marāṭhī work of the same age, viz., the Śiśupālavadha (v. 51) of Bhāskarabhaṭṭa. The nasalisation of the final syllable in the Marāṭhī names of villages is also noteworthy. As regards orthography we may note that kh is used for sh as in paritōkhēṇa, l. 41 and vice versā as in ratna-shanyaḥ, l. 48. The dental and palatal sibilants are used each in its proper place except in a few cases such as sprisyatē, l. 25. The letters v and b are almost everywhere clearly distinguished. In one case (namely, in Mahādēōpurī, l. 116), va is changed to ō as in old Marāṭhī works. The rules of sandhi are violated in several places, the most common instance being the addition of an anusvāra before final n as in ullāsayamn=, l. 12, uddharamn=, l. 18, etc.

The inscription refers itself to the reign of the king Rāmachandra of the Later Yādava dynasty. The object of it is to record the grant, by Rāmachandra, of some villages to his minister Purushottama alias Purushai Nāyaka, for the formation of an agrahāra and the donation, by Purushottama, of the agrahara which he named Purushottamapuri after himself, to certain Brāhmanas. The agrahāra consisted of the four villages, Pokharī, Adagau², Vāghaurē and Kurunapāragau, which were situated in the Kānhairī -khampanaka (subdivision) of the Kānhairī-dēśa. The first three of these villages had three hamlets (khētakas) attached to each of them, viz., Sāēgāhvāņa, Punpalagāhvāna, Pālipōkharī, Pimpalavādi, Kājalakovi, Simpivihirē, Gölēgāhvāņa and Dhāravāghaurē. The agrahāra was bounded on the east by Dāndigau, and Sādulē, on the south by Kēsavapurī, Sāvarigavā and Harikīnibagau, on the west by Rājagau, Hivarē, Chinchavalī and Mahādēvapurī joined to Drugalēgāhvāņa and on the north by the Gangā. The land of these villages was divided into 86 parts (vritis) of which two were assigned to two gods, whose names have not been specified, one was set apart to provide for the annual performance of the aguishikā rite and the maintenance of a charitable water-shed  $(pra\mu\bar{a})^3$ , while the remaining 83 parts were donated to 83 Brahmanas, one being assigned to each. The names of the donees and their fathers together with such details as their śākhās and gotras are given in lines 80-114. Of the eighty-three Brāhmana beneficiaries, fifty-seven belonged to the Rigvēda, twenty-one to the Taittirīva-śākhā of the Black Yajurvēda, one to the Kāṇva and one to the Mādhyandina-śākhā of the White Yajurveda and the remaining three to the Samaveda. Among the gotras the following are represented: — Kāśyapa, Bhāradvāja, Jāmadagnya-Vatsa. Vasishtha, Vishņuvriddha. Kauśika.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Phulabaduë means the Superintendent of the arrangement of flowers. See v. 25.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> I have not nasalized the final vowel of this and other place-names.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> That *vṛitti* meant an actual plot of land, not a share of the produce, is clear from the Chanjë inscription of Sōmēśvaradēva (above, Vol. XXIII, p. 281) where in line 11 some *rrittis* are mentioned as defining the boundaries of the donated land.

<sup>4</sup> The agnishţikā rite is performed in the cold seasons of Hēmanta and Śiśira. It consists in the kindling of fire with the recitation of appropriate mantras and the feeding of Brāhmaṇas and supplicants every morning and evening, commencing from an auspicious day in the month of Mārgaśīrsha. It is believed to yield great religious reward in the next world as the fire is enjoyed by the people who sit round it in the cold seasons and talk on all sorts of matters, political, religious and social. For a description of the rite, see Hēmādri's Dānakhaṇḍa, pra-karaṇa xiii (Chaturvargachintāmaṇi, ed. by Pandit Sadāśiv Āchārya Dīkshit, Vol. I, pt. 11, pp. 859 ff.) The Lījā-charitra, a Mahānubhāva work of the Yādava period, mentions the agnishṭikā fire at Pimpalagaon not far from Dēvagiri, which was visited by Chakradhara, the founder of the Mahānubhāva sect.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The prapă is a charitable water-shed maintained usually in summer, where thirsty travellers and cattle get free drinking water.

Agastya, Viśvāmitra, Kaundinya, Harita, First Ātrēya,¹ Vishņuvriddha-Āngirasa, Vādhryaśva, Gautama, Naidhruva. Dēvarāta, Ātrēya, Vatsa, Kapi, Gārgya, Pūtimāsha, Šrīvatsa and Lōhita. Unlike some other Yādava inscriptions such as the Chikka-Bāgiwāḍi plates of the time of Krishna² and the Paithan plates of Rāmachandra, the present record does not, except in four cases, mention the family names of the Brāhmaṇa donees and it is noteworthy that at least three of these four family names, viz., Miśra, Dubē and Trivēdī, are of North-Indian Brāhmaṇas.

The inscription contains two dates, one in lines 33-34 and the other in lines 72-73. Both of them refer themselves to the Saka era and are expressed in years which are said to have elapsed since the time of a Saka king. It is noteworthy that there is no reference in them to the king Sālivāhana as the founder of the era. This manner of mentioning the era confirms Dr. Fleet's suspicion that the date of the Ṭhāṇā plates of Rāmachandra also, of which the original plates are lost, did not probably contain any reference to this legendary king. The earliest inscriptions which mention this king's name in connection with the dates of the Saka era are those of the king Bukkarāya I of Vijayanagara, as has already been pointed out by Dr. Fleet.

The earlier of the two dates mentioned in the present inscription, which records the grant of the aforementioned four villages by Rāmachandra is Saturday, the 11th tithi of the bright fortnight of Bhadrapada of Saka 1232, the cyclic year being Sadharana. This date regularly corresponds, for the expired Saka year 1232, to the 5th September A. D. 1310, on which day the aforementioned tithi ended at 11 h. after mean sunrise. The cyclic year was Sādhāraṇa according to the southern luni-solar system. The second date which registers the donation of the agrahāra of the same four villages by the minister Purushottama is mentioned as Kapilashashthi in the month of Bhadrapada in Saka 1232 and the cyclic year Sadharana. The fortnight and the week-day are not expressly stated in this case. They are, however, implied by the mention of the Kapulashashth; for it is well known that the latter name is given to the sixth tithi of the dark fortnight of the amanta Bhadrapada when it falls on a Tuesday and is joined with the nakshatra Röhini and the yōga Vyatīpāta. It is regarded as particularly auspicious if the sun is besides in the nakshatra Hasta<sup>5</sup>. This date also is quite regular. It corresponds, for the same expired Saka year 1232. to Tuesday, the 15th September A.D. 1316, when the sixth tithi of the dark fortnight of the amanta Bhadrapada ended at 12 h. 15 m. after mean sunrise. This tithi was Kapılashashthi; for on that day the moon was in the constellation Röhinī till 3 h. 20 m. and the yōga Vyatīpāta ended at 12 h. The sun also was then in Hasta; for it had entered that nakshatra 45 m. after mean sunrise<sup>6</sup>. only a week before, viz., at 18 h. 8 m. after mean sunrise on the 8th September A.D. 1310. The inscription states that Ramachandra had asked Purushottama several times before to make an agrahāra worthy of himself. The latter was evidently awaiting the tithi Kapılashashthī, a grant made on which is regarded as specially meritorious. He finally made the grant on the aforementioned day when the rare combination of the particular tithi, week-day, nakshatras and yoga necessary for a Kapilashashihi occurred in the early hours of the morning.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> There are four ganas in the Atri gōtra which differ from one another only in respect of the third pravara. The pravaras of the first Ātrēya gōtra are Ātrēya, Ārchanānasa and Śyāvāśva.

<sup>2</sup> Ind. Ant., Vol. VII, pp. 303 ff.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The same manner of mentioning the date is met with in the earlier Rāshṭrakūṭa grants, see above, Vol. XXIII, p. 16.

Above, Vol. XIII, p. 199.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Ind. Ant., Vol. XXVI, p. 183.

<sup>•</sup> For calculations of the yōga I have used the tables for the Sūrya Siddhānta in Diwan Bahadur S. K. Pillai's Indian Ephemeris, Vol. I, pt. i.

Having thus disposed of the formal portion of the grant, we shall now turn to the historical information furnished by it.

The genealogy of the reigning king Rāmachandra is here traced from Simha (Simhaṇa). Verse 4 states that Simhaṇa defeated Ballāla and the lord of Bhambhāgiri, imprisoned the king Bhōja on the crest of a fortress and vanquished Arjuna. These exploits of Simhaṇa are enumerated in other records also. In fact the aforementioned verse was already known from the Paithan plates of Rāmachandra. Most of the kings mentioned in it have already been identified by Dr. R. G. Bhandarkar and Dr. Fleet in their respective works. Still there are a few more details about them which can now be gathered from records which have recently come to light.

Ballāla defeated by Simhana was evidently the Hoysala king Vīra-Ballāla II, who flourished from circa A.D. 1173 to A.D. 12202. The war in which he suffered a defeat seems, therefore, to have been fought in the beginning of Simhana's reign (circa A.D. 1210 to 1247). Hēmādri's Vratakhanda gives credit to Simhana for the annexation of the entire kingdom of Ballala. This is no doubt an exaggeration; but as Fleet has shown, Simhana seems to have annexed some territory to the south of the Malaprabhā and the Krishnā which formed the southern boundary of the Yādava kingdom during the reigns of his predecessors Bhillama and Jaitugi. The Andhra king defeated by Simhana was probably Ganapati of the Kākatīya dynasty who had been released from imprisonment and placed on the throne by Simhana's father Jaitugi3. The battle does not appear to have been decisive; for Ganapati also claimed success over his Yadava antagonist4. No definite information about the third king Kakkalla overthrown by Simhana was available until recently. Dr. Bhandarkar suggested that he belonged to the Kalachuri dynasty of Tripuri; for some kings of that dynasty were known to have assumed the analogous name Kōkkalla.5 From a stone inscription recently found at the village Uddari in the Sorab tālukā of the Shimogā District in the Mysore State.6 it seems however that this Kakkalla (who is called Kākala in that record) was a mighty ruler of Varāța. Varāța is mentioned in several southern inscriptions.7 The Hoysala king Vishnuvardhana is said to have dispersed like a gale the clouds which were the Varata kings. The exact location of the country is not known, but it seems that it was situated somewhere in South India, probably to the north of the Mysore State.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Early History of the Deccan (Bomb. Gaz., Vol. I, pt. ii), pp. 239 ff. and Dynasties of the Kanarese Districts (ibid.), pp. 522 ff.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Sewell's Historical Inscriptions of Southern India, p. 135.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Ind. Ant., Vol. XIV, p. 316. Some inscriptions describe Simhana as the uprooter of the water-ldy that was the head of the Telanga king (Bomb. Gaz., Vol. I, pt. ii, p. 524 and Mysore Arch. Sur. Rep. for 1929, p. 142). But a similar exploit is mentioned in connection with Mahādēva also. See above, Vol. XXIII, p. 194. So it is doubtful if Simhana really killed a Kākatīya king. Perhaps he fought in the war in which his father Jaitugi is said to have cut off the head of Gaṇapati's uncle Rudra (see Hēmādri's Vratakhanda, Bomb. Gaz., Vol. I, pt. ii, p. 272). Or he may have killed Gaṇapati's father Mahādēva, who also is known to have met with death on a battlefield; see above, Vol. III, p. 97.

<sup>4</sup> Ind. Ant., Vol. XXI, p. 200.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Early History of the Deccan (Bomb. Gaz., Vol. I. pt. ii), p. 24.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Mysore Arch. Sur. Rep. for 1929, pp. 142 ff. and plate XVII. This inscription is fragmentary. It opens with the date, Saka 1198, which would assign it to the reign of Rāmachandra, but the extant portion contains epithets which are usually applied to Simhana. The same draft seems to have been used in the Tilavalli inscription (J. B. B. R. A. S., Vol. IX, p. 32), but owing to imperfect readings the reference to Kākala, the king of Varāta, seems to have escaped the notice of earlier writers.

<sup>7</sup> Mysore Inscriptions, pp. 14, 20, and 70.

<sup>8</sup> Bamb. Gaz., Vol. I, pt. ii, p. 496.

The next king mentioned in the present record as overthrown by Simhana was the lord of Bhambhāgiri. Hēmādri mentions his name as Lakshmīdhara. The Āmbē inscription No. 2 names him as Laksbmīdēva and furnishes the additional information that he belonged to the Abhīra dynasty.<sup>2</sup> Bhambhāgiri has not yet been satisfactorily identified. Mr. G. H. Khare has suggested that it might be either Bhambhöri in the Ahmednagar District or Rājāchī Bhām near Yeotmal in Berär.<sup>3</sup> But neither of these identifications can be upheld in the absence of a fort near by; for the name Bhambhāgiri suggests that it was a fortified place. As Lakshmīdēva. the lord of Bhambhāgiri, belonged to the Abhīra dynasty, he was probably ruling somewhere in Khāndesh, which still has a large population of Abhīras or Ahīrs. There is even now a ruined old town called Bhāmēr, four miles south of Nizāmpur in the Pimpalnēr tālukā of the West Khāndesh District. It lies at the foot of a great fortified hill which has many ruined gateways, gates, towers, and also some old caves locally known as Rājā's houses.4 The hill near Bhāmēr is, therefore, probably Bhambhāgiri. The aforementioned Āmbē inscription describes Khōlēśvara, a general of Simhana, as a very wild fire which burned the forest of the family of Lakshmīdēva, the Ābhīra king of Bhambhagiri and a similar statement occurs about Simhana in the Uddari stone inscription. This shows that Simhana probably exterminated the whole family of the Abhīra prince.

The king **Bhōja**, who was confined on a hill, has already been identified with Bhōja II of the Śilāhāra dynasty of Kolhāpur. Some southern inscriptions describe Simhaṇa as a very lord of birds (Garuḍa) in routing the serpent, viz., the king Bhōja who resided on Praṇāla. Praṇāla is plainly Panhāļā, a strong fort 12 miles to the north-west of Kolhāpur. After this defeat of Bhōja, the Śilāhāra kingdom was annexed by Simhaṇa; for the inscriptions of his governors are thenceforth found at Kolhāpur and the adjoining territory. The earliest of these is dated A.D. 1218 which shows that the defeat of Bhōja must have occurred some time before that date. The Āmbē inscriptions Nos. 2 and 3 also mention a king named Bhōja who was defeated by Simhaṇa's general Khōlēśvara. But as he is said there to have belonged to the Paramāra dynasty and to have been the lord of Chāhanda, he must be different from the homonymous Śilāhāra king. Chāhanda where he ruled may be Chāndā, the chief town of the Chāndā District of the Central Provinces. And it may be noted in this connection that a stone inscription of a Paramāra chief, dated Śaka 1308, has been found at Bhāndak. which lies only 16 miles north-west of Chāndā.

Arjuna, the lastnamed antagonist of Simhana, was identified by Dr. Fleet with Arjunavarmadēva, king of Anhilwāḍ of the Vāghēlā branch of the Chālukya family. Though he did not come to the throne till A.D. 1261-62, Fleet thought that he might have held a command under his father Vīsaladēva (A D. 1243-44 to 1261-62) and thus might have been a contemporary of Simhana. Dr. Bhandarkar, on the other hand, proposed to identify him with Arjunavarmadēva, king of Mālwā. In several other inscriptions Simhana's victories over both the Gurjara and Mālava

¹ Mss. of Hēmādri's Vratakhanda give the place-name as Rambhāgiri (v. l. Bhangāriga), but the name Bhambhāgiri occurs also in the Paithan plates (ll. 26-27) and the Âmbē inscription No. 2 (l. 30). The reading Rambhāgiri which occurs in line 24 of the latter record is probably a mistake for Bhambhāgiri.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> G. H. Khare, Sources of the Mediaval History of the Deccan (in Marathi), Vol. I, p. 64.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Ibid., p. 60.

<sup>4</sup> Bomb. Gaz., Vol. XII, pp. 434 ff.

<sup>•</sup> Ibid., Vol. I, pt. ii, p. 524, n. 1; Mysore Arch. Sur. Rep. for 1929, p. 142.

<sup>6</sup> G. H. Khare, Sources of the Mediaval History of the Deccan, Vol. I, pp. 64 and 74.

<sup>7</sup> Hiralal's Inscriptions in C. P. and Berar (second ed.), pp. 15-16.

<sup>8</sup> Bomb. Gaz., Vol. I, pt. ii, p. 525, n. 4.

<sup>\*</sup> Ibid., Vol. I, pt. ii, p. 239.

kings are spoken of, but the name of Arjuna is rarely coupled with either of them. In the stone inscription from Uddari, to which attention has been called above, Simhana is described as a lion who curbed the pride of the rutting elephant, namely, Arjuna, the king of the Malava country.1 This corroborates Dr. Bhandarkar's view that the king Arjuna belonged to the Paramara dynasty.

Our inscription next mentions Jaitrapala, the son of Simhana. But the praise lavished on him is wholly conventional and affords no proof that he even came to the throne. In fact, epigraphical records make it clear that Simhana was succeeded by his grandson Krishna, the son of Jaitrapala.2

Of the two verses (7 and 8) which describe the achievements of Krishna, the first refers to his victory over Kāmapāla. This king, so far as I know, is not named elsewhere and there is no express mention of the dynasty to which he belonged or the country over which he ruled. The Ambē inscriptions Nos. 2 and 3 mention one Rāmapāla, the king of Benares, who was routed by Khōlēśvara.3 The similarity of the names Rāmapāla and Kāmapāla may be taken to indicate that both of them belonged to the same royal family; but the description in verse 7 that the overthrow of Kāmapāla delighted cowherds suggests that he belonged to the Ābhīra dynasty and he may therefore have been ruling somewhere in Khandesh. This conjecture receives some support from the recently discovered Tasgaon plates which intimate a victory over a chief of cowherds (qōpakapālaka) obtained by Kēśava, a feudatory chief of the Yadava Emperor Krishna.4

Verse 8 intimates Krishna's victories over the kings of Gurjara, Mālava, Chōla and Kōśala. Some other inscriptions also claim for Krishna successes over most of these princes, but they do not specifically name any of them. Hemadri, however, mentions Krishna's defeat of the extensive forces of Visaladeva, the king of Gujarats and the Behatti plates describe the fierce fight in a graphic manner.6 The Munoli stone inscription7 dated A. D. 1252-53 eulogizes Krishna as 'a very Trinetra to Madana in the form of the king of Malaya'. The contemporary king of Mālwā was probably Jaitugidēva for whom we have the dates V. S. 1292 and 1300.8 The same inscription speaks of Krishna as the sovereign of the king of Chola.9 There is. however, no actual proof of Krishna's encounter with the contemporary Chola king who was Rājēndra III (1246-79).10 The king of Kōśala was evidently the contemporary Kalachuri ruler of Ratanpur. He was probably the successor of Jājalladēva who was defeated by Simhanau; but we have now no means of ascertaining his name, for the last inscriptional record of the

This verse which the editor found difficult to interpret refers to the personation of the ruler of Konkana and the chief of cowherds by some boys and of Chandradeva and Kesava (the two brothers who were feudatories of Krishna) by others, while they were playing in the palace of Chandradeva. The description is evidently intended to suggest the victories of the two brothers over the king of Konkana and the chief of cowherds (Abhīras ?).

See Ha(A)rjuna-Mālavī-kshitipati-matta-mātanga-mada-dalana-pamchānana, Mysore Arch, Sur. Rep. for 1929, p. 143.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Bomb. Gaz., Vol. I. pt. ii, p. 244.

<sup>3</sup> G. H. Khare, Sources of the Medioral History of the Deccan, Vol. I, pp. 64 and 74.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid., Vol. III, p. 14. See v, 18:-

Tvam rē Komkaņa-bhûpatir=bhava tad=āham Chamdradevah kshanam tvam chēd=gōpaka-pālakō=si tad=arē jātō=smy=aham Kēšavah ;

raksha tvam vishayam nijam [cha\*] tad=ararē(arē) dhātyā grahīshyē kshanād=

itham(ttham) yam(n)-nripa-mamdirē kalakal-ākshēpāh sisu-krīdanē i

<sup>\*</sup> Bomb. Gaz., Vol. I, pt. ii, p. 272.

<sup>6</sup> J. B. B. R. A. S., Vol. XII, p. 42.

<sup>7</sup> Ibid., pp. 38-9.

<sup>8</sup> R. G. Bhandarkar's Report, 1883-84, pp. 105 and 392.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Loc. cit., p. 39.

<sup>10</sup> K. Nilakanta Sastri-The Colus, Vol. II. pt. i, pp. 186 ff.

<sup>11</sup> Bomb. Gaz., Vol. 1, pt. ii, p. 240.

Kalachuris of Ratanpur which can be referred to that age, viz., the Pēṇḍrābandh plates of Pratāpamalla<sup>1</sup>, is dated K. 965 (A. D. 1214). i.e., more than thirty years before the accession of Kṛishṇa.

The present inscription mentions only one exploit of Mahādēva, the younger brother and successor of Kṛishṇa, viz., his destruction of Sōma. The latter is evidently Sōmēśvara of the Śilāhāra dynasty, the ruler of North Kōnkaṇ, two records of whose reign have recently been edited in this journal. Mahādēva seems to have continued the hostilities which were begun by his predecessor Kṛishṇa; for the aforementioned Tāsgaon plates intimate a victory over a king of Kōnkaṇa won by Chandradēva, a feudatory of Kṛishṇa. The description in verse 10 of the present record suggests that Sōmēśvara was killed in a naval engagement with the fleet of Mahādēva.

Mahādēva's son and successor was Amaņa' to whose glorification the present inscription devotes two verses. They are, however, altogether devoid of historical interest. Verse 13, of which the latter part was already known from the Paithan plates, states that Rāma (i.e., Rāmachandra), the son of Krishna, having occupied the fort of Devagiri, forcibly wrested the kingdom from Āmana. The next verse gives an interesting description of the ruse which Rāmachandra adopted to obtain possession of the impregnable fort. He entered it with a party of dancers who were his soldiers in disguise. When admitted inside, he rallied his foot-soldiers and attacked his antagonists apparently while they were engaged in seeing the dance. The dancers also, throwing off their ornaments (i.e., disguise), joined in the fight. Ramachandra seems to have won an easy victory as his enemy was taken unawares. The Līlācharitra, a work of the Mahānubhāva sect from which some extracts of historical importance have recently been published, gives a graphic account of the confusion caused by this sudden attack. Chakradhara, the founder of the sect, was then sojourning at the village Savitā<sup>6</sup> (v. l. Sēvatā) near Dēvagiri. Seeing that the people were panicstricken and some carts carrying wounded persons were passing through the village, Chakradhara sent his disciple Indrabhatta to inquire what had happened. He confirmed what Chakradhara had already come to know by intuition that a revolution had taken place at Dēvagiri, that Rāmadeva had deposed Amanadeva and himself occupied his throne, that Narasinihadeva (who seems to be Amanadeva's general or minister) had fled away and that Ramadeva had put out the eyes of Amanadeva. As this account occurs in the Lilacharitra, which is a biography of Chakradhara, written by his disciple Mahindrabhatta, we may take it as trustworthy. The Ratnamālāstōtra of Kēśava Vyāsa, another disciple of Chakradhara, furnishes the further detail that the aforementioned incident took place in the evening.7 The Smritisthala of Paraśarāma Vyāsa, who

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Above, Vol. XXIII, pp. 1 ff. <sup>2</sup> Ibid., pp. 278 ff. <sup>3</sup> See above, p. 204, n. 4.

<sup>4</sup> He is called Ammana in the present plates and Āmana in the Paithan plates.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> These extracts were first published by Mr. Y. K. Deshpande in his Mahānubhāvīya Marāthī Vānmaya (1925), pp. 16 ff. and their historical importance was brought to the notice of scholars by Mr. Y. R. Gupte in his article in the Journal of Indian History, Vol. V, pp. 198 ff.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The place-name is given as Sabhichchha in a Sanskrit verse cited below. It is possible to fix the exact location of this place. According to the Līţācharītra, Chakradhara's itinerary was as follows:—Pimpaļvādī (about 30 miles south by east of Dēvagiri and 5 miles north of Paithan), Bhōganārāyaṇa, Bābhulgāon (12 miles south of Dēvagiri), Savitā, and Jōgēśvarī (6 miles south of Dēvagiri). So Savitā was situated between Bābhulgāon and Jōgēśvarī. It seems to have occupied the same position as modern Waļuj, about 8 miles south of Dēvagiri. It lies on the Dēvagiri-Paithan road. It seems therefore that the wounded persons were being taken to Paithan.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See Tatah Sabhichchham samnpētya sāyam vipram prayuktum parigrihya tailam samāgatam grāma-jan-airitām tām paprachchha rājy-āntara-jāta-rārtām cited in the Appendix to the Līļācharitra, Part IV, edited by Mr. H. N. Nene.

flourished in the same period, charges Rāmadēva with the murder of his brother, persecution of saints and inefficient administration of his kingdom which culminated in his capture by Muhammadan invaders.<sup>1</sup>

Verses 16-18 describe the achievements of Rāmachandra. Though several inscriptions of the reign of this king have been discovered till now, few of them refer to any historical events. We have, therefore, here for the first time a contemporary account of some important events in Rāmachandra's reign. Verse 16 states that Rāmachandra defeated with ease the mighty lord of the extensive Pāhala country, subjugated the ruler of Bhāṇḍāgāra, dethroned the king of Vajrākara and defeated in battle the prince of cowherds. The lord of the Pāhala country is evidently the Kalachuri king who was ruling at Tripurī, now a small village, 6 miles from Jubbulpore. The Yādavas were often at war with the Kalachuris. In the Pulunja inscription Simhaṇa is called Pāhala-hrit-kutūhala, i.e., 'a very curiosity of the heart of (the people of) the Pāhala country'. It is not known who was ruling at Tripurī in the time of Rāmachandra; for the last Kalachuri prince known from inscriptional records is the Mahākumāra Ajayasimha mentioned in the Kumbhi plates (A.D. 1180-81) and the undated Bherā-Ghāt stone inscription of his father Vijayasimha.

It is again not known who is meant by the ruler of **Bhāṇḍāgāra** but it seems fairly certain that Bhāṇḍāgāra is identical with Bhaṇḍārā, 38 miles from Nāgpur, which is now the headquarters of a district of the same name in the Central Provinces. We know that Berār was annexed to the Yādava kingdom as early as the reign of Simhaṇa; for a stone inscription of his reign has been discovered at Amrāpur in the Khāmgaon District<sup>5</sup> and several villages in Berār were donated as agrahāras to Brāhmaṇas by his general Khōlēśvara.<sup>6</sup> But the eastern districts of Nāgpur and Bhaṇḍārā were probably occupied for the first time during the reign of Rāmachandra. It is noteworthy that an inscription of his reign has been discovered at Rāmṭek near Nagpur<sup>7</sup> and another at Lānji<sup>8</sup> in the Bālāghāṭ District, about a hundred miles north-east of Nāgpur.

Vajrākara, the ruler of which was deposed by Rāmachandra, is probably identical with Vairāgarh, 80 miles north-east of Chāndā in the Garh-Chirōli tahsil of the Chāndā District. Near the village there is still a large stone fortress in a fair state of preservation surrounded by a moat. Vairāgarh is named in ancient records as Vajra or Vajragaḍha on account of its diamond mines which are referred to even in Muhammadan chronicles. It was evidently a place of considerable importance, for it is referred to in several records. Kulōttuṅga Chōla I, for instance, is said to have captured many elephants at Vayirāgaram. The chief of cowherds defeated by Rāmachandra may, like Lakshmīdēva and Kāmapāla, have been ruling somewhere in Khāndesh.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Smritisthala (Marāṭhī), ed. by Mr. V. N. Deshpande, p. 26. The editor refers this work to the 14th century A. D.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Fleet says that Krishna destroyed Tripura which seems to be the modern Tewar near Jubbulpore. (Bomb. Gaz., Vol. I, Pt. ii, p. 527). But the expression Ya(a)ri-balia-Tripura-trinetram in the Munōli inscription (J. B. B. R. A. S., Vol. XII, p. 35), on which he relies, means only that he was Trinetra (Siva) to Tripura in the form of the enemy's soldiers. There is no reference to Tripuri there.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> J. A. S. B., Vol. XXXI, p. 116.

<sup>4</sup> Banerji, The Haihayas of Tripuri and Their Monuments (Mem. A. S. I. No. 23), p. 142.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Above, Vol. XXI, pp. 127-28.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See his Āmbē inscription No. 2, lines 20 ff.

<sup>7</sup> Above, pp. 7 ff.

<sup>8</sup> Hiralal's Inscriptions in C. P., etc., p. 20.

See Burhān-i-Ma'asir (Ind. Ant., Vol. XXVIII, p. 286) and Āīn-i-Akbarī (ed. by Jarrett), pp. 229-30. In the Hāthīgumphā inscription of Khāravela this place is mentioned as Vajiraghara. See above, Vol. XX, p. 78.
 S. I. I., Vol. III, p. 128. See also the Ratnapur Stone inscription of Jājalladēva, above, Vol. I, p. 36.

Verse 17 mentions some more victories of Rāmachandra. He subjugated in battle the king of Palli, made the king of Kānyakubja bend low, overran the mountain Kailāsa, routed the ruler of Māhima, captured forcibly the lord of Saṅgama and destroyed the ruler of Khēṭa. The Pallirāja¹ may have been the chief of some hill tribe like the Bhills or Gonds in the Vindhya mountain. There is no corroboration of Rāmachandra's raids on Kanauj and Kailāsa, but his other victories do not seem to be improbable. Māhima is probably identical with the place of the same name near Bombay. According to a tradition preserved in some Marāṭhī records, Kōnkan was conquered by Bhīma Rāja, the son of Rāmadēva Rāja of Dēvagiri. He is said to have made Māhim his capital and divided the kingdom of Kōnkan into fifteen mahāls or groups containing 444 villages.² The lord of Saṅgama, captured by Rāmachandra, was probably ruling at Saṅgamēśvara, about 20 miles north-east of Ratnāgiri. Khēṭa may be Khēḍ, the chief town of the Khēḍ tālnkā in the Ratnāgiri District. The place dates from early times; for the Khēṭāhāra, which was evidently named after it, is mentioned in the Goa grant of Satyāśraya Dhruvarāja, dated Śaka 532³. These three victories of Rāmachandra were probably attained in the same expedition which was mainly directed against the petty chiefs ruling in Southern Kōnkan.

Verse 18 states that Rāmachandra drove out the Muhammadans from Vārāṇasī or Benares and built a golden temple there which he dedicated to Śārṅgapāṇi. This plainly implies that he held that holy city for some time. There is nothing improbable in this claim. It was always the cherished ambition of powerful Hindu rulers to save the holy places of North India from devastation and plunder by Muslim invaders, though express statements to that effect are rarely found in their inscriptions. There is, of course, no reference to this occupation of Benares by Rāmachandra in Muslim chronicles as there is no allusion to Muslim invasions of the Yādava kingdom in this or any other record of Rāmachandra. The present inscription does not state when this invasion of Benares took place; but it must evidently have occurred before 'Ala-ud-dīn's invasion crippled the power of Rāmachandra in A. D. 1294. It was probably carried out some time during the period from A. D. 1285 to 1290 when there was confusion and disorder in the North after the death of Balban and before the establishment of the power of Jalāl-ud-dīn.

The present inscription is the last record of Rāmachandra. It is not known how long he continued to reign after its issue. According to Muslim chronicles a large army from the North under the command of Malik Kāfūr and Khvāja Hājī passed through Dēvagiri in the course of an expedition against Dvārasamudra and Marbar towards the end of A. H. 710 (A.D. 1310-11); but Muhammadan historians are not unanimous as to who was then ruling at Dēvagiri. Baranī and following him, Firishta state that when Malik Kāfūr and Hājī reached Dēvagiri they found that Rāmadēva was dead. Firishta tells us further that the young prince Śańkaradēva was not well-affected to the Muhammadans. On this evidence Rāmadēva is believed to have died in A.D. 1309.7 The present record shows, however, that he was ruling till the end of September A.D. 1310 at least and it is doubtful if he was succeeded by Śańkaragana before the end of that year; for Khusrū

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> [ There is a Pallideśa mentioned in the Dohad Stone inscription of Mahamuda (Begarha), above, Vol. XXIV, pp. 212 ff. It is also the ancient name of Palnāḍ in Guntur District.—Ed.]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Bomb. Gaz., Vol. I, pt. ii, p. 27.

<sup>3</sup> J. B. B. R. A. S., Vol. X, p. 348.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> In the inscriptions of the Gāhadvālas, for instance, Chandradēva is des ribel as the protector of the holpplaces Kāśi, Kuśika, Uttarakōsala and Indrasthāna. *Ind. Ant.*, Vol. XV, p. 7 and Vol. XVIII, p. 10.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See Ta'rīkh-i-Fīrūz Shāhī (Elliot's History of India, Vol. III, p. 203).

<sup>6</sup> See Firishta's History tr. by Briggs, Vol. I, p. 373.

<sup>7</sup> Bhandarkar, Early History of the Deccan, Bomb. Gaz., Vol. I, pt. ii .p. 251

states in his  $T\bar{a}r\bar{i}kh$ -i  $Al\bar{a}i$  that the Muhammadan generals reached Dēvagiri on the 13th of Ramzān, in A. H. 710 (the 3rd February A. D. 1311) where 'the Rāi Rāyān¹ Rām Deo forwarded with all his heart the preparations necessary for the equipment of the army '2. As Khusrū was a contemporary chronicler³ and gives definite dates to substantiate his narrative, his account may be taken to be correct. Rāmachandra seems to have died soon thereafter; for at the end of A.H. 711 (A. D. 1312) 'Ala-ud-dīn received the news that the Rājā of Dēvagiri was withholding the stipulated tribute.⁴ This Rājā was Śańkaradēva who had in the meanwhile succeeded Rāmachandra.

The present inscription gives in verses 19-28 the pedigree of **Purushōttama**, the minister of Rāmachandra, who made the grant recorded in it. In the lineage of the sage Vasishtha, there was born a pious man named Bhānusūri who constructed several temples and excavated tanks. His son was Alhadēva's who was renowned for his learning. Alhadēva's son was Vināyaka, the father of Sāmvaladēva. Rāmachandra received Sāmvaladēva into his favour and made him the superintendent of the arrangement of flowers. Sāmvaladēva married Akvāmbikā who was the daughter of Sārangasūri, the son of Mādhavasūri of the Jāmadagnya-Vatsa gōtra. Purushōttama was the son of Sāmvaladēva and Akvāmbikā. Being attracted by his intelligence, learning and courage, Rāmachandra made him his minister. Purushōttama carried on the affairs of the state very ably. He ruthlessly put down all traitors and made all people conform to the rules of conduct laid down for the varṇas (castes) and āśramas (orders of life). Rāmachandra was greatly pleased with him for the execution of all his commands and conferred on him the aforementioned villages to enable him to make an agrahāra worthy of himself.

Many of the localities mentioned in this grant can be easily identified. Purushottamapurī, the chief place of the newly formed agrahāra, still retains its old name. As already stated, it lies on the southern bank of the Gōdāvarī in the Bhīr District. Kānhairī, the headquarters of the subdivision in which it was situated may be Kanhera, 8 miles south-west of Chālisgaon, in Khāndesh, which has a fort with a strong natural position. Most of the boundary villages of the agrahāra can still be traced in the vicinity of Purshōttampurī in their respective directions. Thus Sādulē is plainly Sādōlā about 3 miles south by east; Kēšavapurī, Sāvarigavā and Harikinibagau are respectively identical with the modern Kēsapuri, Sāvargaon and Harki Nimgaon which lie about 7 or 8 miles to the south; and Hivarē and Rājagau still exist as Rājēgaon and Hivrā buzurg 5 and 6 miles respectively to the west. The river Gaṅgā which formed the northern boundary of the agrahāra is of course the Gōdāvarī. Of the four villages, which constituted the agrahāra, two, viz., Vāghaure and Aḍagau, can now be identified; the former is Wāghur 4 miles south by west and the latter Tiki Aḍgaon about the same distance to the south of Purshōttampurī. Only two of the nine hamlets attached to these villages can now be traced, viz.,

<sup>1</sup> This is evidently a corrupt form of the title Rāya-Nārāyana assumed by Yādava Kings. Ind. Ant., Vol. XIV, p. 317.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Elliot, History of India, Vol. III, p. 87.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Khusrū closes his narrative with the conquest of Ma'bar at the end of A. H. 710 (A.D. 1311). He died in A.D. 1325. Baranī, on the other hand, is, as remarked by Dowson, very sparing and inaccurate in his dates.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Elliot, History of India, Vol. III, p. 204; Firishta's History, tr. by Briggs, Vol. I, pp. 378-79.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> [See p. 212, n. 7.—Ed.]

<sup>•</sup> From the Smritisthala (ed. by V. N. Deshpande), p. 86, it appears that the Mahānubhāvas were subjected to oppression during the rule of Rāmachandra, probably because of their non-observance of such rules of conduct.

7 Khāndesh District Gazetteer, p. 453.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> The endings gau and gavā, like gāmvu used in ll. 94-95 of the Paithan plates, are derived from the Sanskrit word grāma meaning a village.

This river is called Ganga in the Paithan plates also. See Il. 59 and 94, Ind. Ant., Vol. XIV, pp. 317 18.

Pimpalavādī which now appears in the form Phūlpimpalgaon about 2 miles south of Ţiki Adgaon, and Gōlē āhvāṇa which is probably Gōhan Thadi. 3 miles north by west of Wāghur. The other villages and hamlets cannot be traced on the maps available to me.

### TEXT1.

[Metres: Verses 1 and 32 Mālinī; vv. 2, 10, 11, 35 and 37-57 Anushṭubh; vv. 3, 5, 15, 17, 19, 21 and 33 Sragdharā; vv. 4, 8, 9, 12, 14, 16, 23, 24, 28, 31 and 34 Śārdūlavikrīḍta; vv. 6, 7, 13, 18 and 26 Upajāti; v. 20 Śikhariṇī; vv. 22, 27 and 59 Vasantatīlakā; v. 25 Hariṇī; v. 29 Praharshiṇī; v. 30 Vainšastha; v. 36 Indravajrā; v. 58 Śālinī.]

### First Plate.

- l ॥ श्रो श्री श्रादिवराहाय नमः ॥ निरतिशयनिरंतानदचि[स्त्रु]खरूपः प्रबलविमलसत्व-(च्व)र्ष्वा-
- 2 क्रुतव्यक्तश्क्ति: । परमरमण्मंगं मंगलानां निधान दधदधरितसेव्य: संव्यतां शा-
- 3 र्क्नपाणि: ा[।१॥\*] लच्चीनारायणक्रीडासरः चीरममुद्रजं(जम्) । लीलांबुजं विजयते विधुस्त्रिभु-
- 4 वनित्रया: [1२॥\*] नि:सीम: सीमवंश: स जयित जगित प्रीत्नसत्कीर्त्तिवित्तर्मुक्तारबा-नि तत्रा-
- 5 प्युक्क्चिरक्ची वृष्णयः खच्छवत्ताः । तेष्वप्येकावली सद्गुणघटिततनुः कंठकांतिः कवीनां
- 6 तस्थामध्येष चिंतामणिक्चितक्चिनीयकः सिंहभूपः ।[।३॥\*़ै] बक्काली विजितः परा-भवभुवं सं-
- 7 भावितींभ्राधिप: ककक्की दिलतः चणिन गिलिती भंभागिररीखरः । दुर्गाग्रे विनि-
- 8 भीजनृपतिन्धंस्तीर्जुनी निर्ज्जितः सिंहेर्निति निशम्य के भुवि भयं भेजुर्न भूमीभुजः ।[181] तत्पुत्री जै-
- 9 चपानः कुनकुमुदविधुवीरनक्षीप्रसादप्रासादी रु(रू)पमंपत्सुशमितसुषमाकंदकंदर्प्यदर्पः । यः क-
- 10 र्ग्ण: किं दधीचिः किमु किमुत ग्रिबिः किं नु जीमूतवाहः सत्वी(च्वी)द्रेकैकसीमा पुनरभवदिति व्यक्ततर्केर्व्यत-।<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> From ink impressions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> [The intended reading possibly is chit-sat-svarūpah, the expression answering to the well-known compound sach-chid-ānanda-svarūpa.—B. C. C.]

<sup>3</sup> This visarga was added subsequently.

<sup>4</sup> These dandas are superfluous.

<sup>•</sup> This mark is to show that the word is continued in the next line.

- 11 कि ।[1111\*] स्रोक्तशाभूप: प्रभविशारसाद्वभूव भूय:परिभूतवीर: [1\*] पलायमानान-वलीका वीरान्यकोत्तिंदंभेन दि-
- 12 शो इसंति:¹ ।[।६॥\*] य: कामपालप्रसरचरित्र: खयंवरायातविशाललच्छी: । उज्जास-यंगीकुल°मादरेण क्षणा-।³
- 13 त्वमुचै: प्रकटीचकार [1911\*] रे रे गूर्जर जर्जर व्रजरजीराजी भराजीवन रे रे मालव मालवं त्यज भज त्वं चील ची-
- 14 लांचलं(लम्) । रे रे कीशल कीशलंघनपरी भूयास्विमित्यं जगुर्भूपा यिद्वजयप्रयाण-समये बंदीजनव्यंजना: [॥८॥\*]
- 15 क्वणो राजनि लीलया खनगरीं वैक्ंठमालीकितुं यार्तशासदिमां महीमथ महादेवः स तस्यानुजः । यदी:-
- 16 स्तंभविजृंभमाण्वसुधाकस्तूरिकाचित्रकभ्रांतिं बिभ्वव(द)जायत चितिभुजां चीभाय कौचे-यक: ।[।८॥\*] निमज्जयं(य)न्क-
- 17 लाग्रेषमि मीमं पयोनिधो । स्थानाचित्रं महादेव एव यः कथ्यते जनैः ।[१९०॥\*] जन्ने ग्र<sup>२</sup>तिधरस्तस्य सूनुरंमणभूप-
- 18 ति: । भूदवानुद्वरंनुचै: करतारकपीडितान् ॥[११॥\*] यत्र चत्रपितामहे वितरित प्रत्यर्थिपृष्वीम्बरा: सर्वे दानम<sup>7</sup>वा-
- 19 [मु]मुत्कमनमी नूनं बभूवुर्भुवि । चंडाशी: किरि(र)णावलीमविरतं संसेव्य लीलावती-वाकाव्याकुलमानमै:
- 20 कथमपि व्यानीकि यत्तैः पदं(दम्) [११२॥\*] त्रारुष्ट वैरिचितिपालमीलिनिश्रेणिभि-देविगिरिं गरिष्ठ(ष्ठम्) । प्रसन्ध तस्मा-
- 21 दपहृत्य भुंतो क्षणात्मजः स्वामवनि स रामः ।[११३॥\*] त्रादी देवगिरिप्रवेशनमधी कृत्तप्रकारिच्चणं पश्चाक्वै(त्स्वै)-
- 22 रपदातिमेलनमथालंकारविचेपणं(णम्) [।\*] শ্বन्विष्टार्धविरीधिदूरकरणं तस्राद्रसासादनं श्रीरामेण कृतं

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This visarga is superfluous.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Read ullāsayan=gōkulam=.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> This mark is to show that the word is continued in the next line.

<sup>\*</sup> The sense requires a reading like -rajim.

What appears like an anusvara on sa may be due to a fault in the copper.

<sup>•</sup> Read =uddharann=uchchaih.

<sup>7</sup> The engraver at first incised damam= which he subsequently altered to danam=.

**8CALE: TWO-FIFTHS.** 

i.

निविवाणिय गात्सि दि शरव इका निसारमा क्षाणा पियं से शक्ती था जा ने पारंवर तथा है। ं तस्विष्टानिस्त्रटकानि।पिपतवाडी। 40 **्रास्तान्त्र विकालासेपार वज्जीतरपरितार रणस्य हरित्र र** 'तादक विकेश राज तदर मिल्लाका।दिश्वचिकः इल धाः अत्रहित वेदि 42 <u>पातिरुष्टरः इयति त्रप्रसातासम् भिर्वसिष्टः।पातिवत्यापात्रश्च ४ अग्रे ३ २०० । उधितीयसूपर</u> वहायहाधकाणि वैजनद्यतमः काष्ट्रदीकामाध्वः। गतास्य ताहरूः समज्ञितातास्य स 44 निरितिहः मार्खाञ्चर्वशः विद्वतन्वतः यः प्रवहातः तामा माह्याहयहक् छ वितानान्ववृताप्रवाः। हित्वावश्राणिक्रिरणा वक्तिम्हता।तवासी हा व सरिनिक सवस्विविमिता ना खराणा धन शिदिशिविदितायमायामायामायाः।कितादिक्वेकिलाक्षमितिमीपगाः। इतरवाताच्यातालम् लावधिविशदयाशारतेष्यमहागाः नसग्रहस्वतपः 48 **धर्दः दिवस्माक नधा मस्क लार्घ इताय गाना जाहो । इति दित्र क ग**ीनत वर्द्धा कि दिद्या ग <u>स्वयस्यवाक्त । विद्वालमालिम णिर्निनाय कुङ्गिरग्रानमातावस्त्रतम् ह</u> 50 50 श्चिमधनिष्णिवस्यात्यकीतिंगंगात्नाहराहान्यपतिश्चरनमादाग्रवताम् मायया यह राति विगमया रयानाया वाषा महात्राधर्मा प्रमाप है यशा प्रसाद स्था वे पीता रहने **52** अल्पतिर्धिर्गपतिष्ठा इतः। विद्याका शट्टविस्तारमन्तिः सपस्त्रतामे दण् सुर मावतादव्यत्याद्ववस्त्रारमतः खातिमात्रा। १५८ति एडतम् खेशुर्वमातादः एदि । 54 वित्यान मित्रित्यनिश्चितः परेमास्पदी निष्णाधिषणा रामाना पिष्यिति येडपुरारः निष्णास्य विश्व के वसादपरोकारा अञ्चाति। दितिथी मितिस य वास्त्रवाव द सावतादवस्ति। रादि 56 . प्रगतास्य शहनं संस्थानारं गम्हित्तन्यामय कामदसत्सा वर । तर् वा । धवत्रिरिए श्रेञ्चकं विकितिविदित्रं एण रम् स्वांत्या वाममा बुरवहितिना खण्या थे। हान्द्रतायातीयाद्य दितायामियादिना तक्षमा विज्ञाणाः पुरुषा तमनेविवित्तामार्वसम्भ निन्द्राहरू गण्रगदिव्द्रन तादाणकामित्र स्वाध्यक्त स्वाध्यक स्वाध्यक्त स्वाध्यक्त स्वाध्यक्त स्वाध्यक्त स्वाध्यक्त स्वाध्यक्त स्वाध्यक्त स्वाध्य माहाशिक्षिति हुए में तिवाद में उत्पादी घील्या हि गुण हरा ऋति गृति त्या । श्रेयं माहि गुण हरे ते मह वणहरास्य इत्यतिस्य स्थानं सिव्हारता क्या. ने का क्या प्रस्ति स्था प्रमाण्य । यः ए महा 🕰 मारामरे पतः कि शरहिमहीयसीसुवर्णे हे एयन निधाना प्रमाश्चा भेड़ो हे है ती में या बेल ब विड्यं काव्रंमनम्खप्रकाताप्रतापशिष्रिवानी तंजवादार्जवाज्ञरा भूष्ट्र वक्टक दुनि र न श्रामिक्त शासनारामाका रिपात् सुवर्ण महशास्त्रः हातापार्वा ने सुक्ति विश्विकाशी - रक्ताह्यष्ट्रतीषिष्ठविहतं है। देविहन के नियमान <u>न्यमाना स्वित</u>न वन विनास स्वित माने प्र इन्फरितपर्मितानी निक्त निम्यदेश हाता रहा हिताना देवपूर्व तप्रवीधना राहिन रतिस्ति उउतापतहति पुरुषता पि तेषा अन्य वा मात की तिनि है देवन द

- 23 ततस्तत इत: স্লীकीस्य लोकीत्तर: ।[।१४॥\*] श्रीराम: ग्रववर्मा पदघटनलघूपाय-दृग्दर्गावृत्तिव्यास्थाताग्रेष-
- 24 सूत्रो विकरणविलमडातुनिष्पादितार्थ: [1\*] वर्णानां व्युत्कृमेण व्यवहरणमपाक्तत्य संदर्शितार्था(थी) जीता
- 25 दिव्याक्वतीनां शिश्चरिप तदिह स्पृस्य(श्य)ते नापश्रब्दै:  $oxedsymbol{\parallel} [184]$  येनीत्तालविशालडा- हलमहीपाल: चणांदि- $oxedsymbol{\parallel}$
- 26 जिती भांडागारधराधवः परिभवं येनीचक्रैर्लंभितः । येनीक्पृलितराज्य एव<sup>े</sup> रचिती वज्राकर<sup>3</sup>च्यापतिर्ये-
- 27 नाजी विजितः स गीपन्रपतिर्वर्ण्यः स रामः कयं(यम्) ।[१६॥\*] भन्नीभिः पन्नि-राजः समरभुवि जितः कुल्लितः कन्यकुल्जः
- 28 चिप्तः कैलासग्रैलः प्रथुतरमहिमा माहिमेंद्रः परास्तः । उत्तंगः मंगमेशः प्रसभम-
- 29 खिटनाथी येन खेनैव धाम्ना स कथमवितथं वर्ग्यत रामचंद्र: ।[।१०॥\*] यः श्रुक्त(ल्क)संकेतलिपिं व्यलीपयत्स-
- 30 वीग्रहारेषु करान्य(त्र्य)वारयत् । वाराणसीं म्ह्रेच्छगणाद्यमीचयत् हिरग्मयं शार्क्वधरालयं व्यधा-
- 31 त् ॥[१८॥\*] म खल्वेवंविधगुण्ग णालंक्षतश्रीमछी(छी)ढप्रतापचक्रवर्त्ता यादवकुलकमल-
- 32 कलिकाविकासभास्करो देवगिरिपुरपुरंदरी महाराजाधिराज: श्रीरामर्चटर्ट-
- 33 व: शकन्रुपकालातीतसंवसरेषु दाचिंशदिधकदादशशतसंख्याकेषु । साधारण-
- 34 संवत्सरांतर्गतभाद्रपदश्रक्तैकादश्यां स(श)नी कान्हैरिदेशसंबद्यान् कान्हैरिखंपणकांत-

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- 35 र्गतान् पीष(ख)री । तत्प्रविष्टखेटकानि साएगाह्वाणं । पिंपलगाह्वाणं । पालि<sup>६</sup>पी-खरी ॥ শ্বভगौं ।
- 36 एतत्र्यविष्टानि खेटकानि । पिंपलवाडी । काजलकीवि । सींद्रजर्णे ॥ वाघीरे । ए-

<sup>1</sup> Read kshanan=nirjito.

<sup>2</sup> What appears like a somewhat displaced anusrāra on va is probably due to a fault in the copper.

Originally Vajrādharah, subsequently altered to Vajrākara..

<sup>4</sup> This danda is superfluous.

<sup>•</sup> The repha on ga has been cancelled.

<sup>•</sup> The superscript curve of i in li is very faint. The name occurs again in l. 74 as Pālipākhari.

- 37 तत्प्रविष्टानि खेटकानि । मींपिविहिरं<sup>1</sup> ॥ गीलेगाह्वाण् । धारवाघीरं ॥ कुरू-
- 38 ग्रापारगों ॥ एवमेतांश्वतुरी ग्रामान् खप्रविष्टनवखेटकमहितान् तचत्यनिन<sup>2</sup>
- 39 धिनिचेपद्यचि(त्र)णजनपाषाण्दंडग्रुक्स(ल्क्स)कारुकादिसमस्तादाययुक्तान् वामिष्ट(ष्ठ)गीत्राय
- 40 ऋग्वेदशाखाध्यायिन पुन्तबडुएमांवन्तनायकसुताय महामंडनीक पुरुषैनायका ।
- 41 य ममस्तिनजाज्ञामंपादनजनितपरितीखे(षे)ण अयहारकरणाय हस्तीदकपूर्वकं प्रादात्।
- 42 श्रस्येति प्रशस्तिश्लोकाः । विश्वस्यैकः पुरोधाः सुत इति विदित[:]' मष्टुरात्मा द्वितीयः मप्तर्थी-
- 43 णां विश्वः म जयित तपमां वामभूमिर्विमष्ठः । पातिव्रत्यीपदेशप्रथमगुरुगुणार्षधती यस्य पत्नी
- 44 बडा यहीष्ठकीण विजगदघतमःकीमुदी कामधेनु: ॥[۱१८॥\*] ततीन्यस्ताद्रच: सम-जनि ततीन्यो मुन्
- 45 निरिति क्रमात्रांश्वेंग्रः विभुवनवतंमः प्रवहति । तमीमीह्याह्यह्वलुषितानां तनुस्तां प्रवा-
- 46 धं तन्वानस्तरणिकिरणानुक्रम दव ॥ $[२०॥^*]$  तत्रामीक्कानुसूरिर्निजमवह्रविषे निर्गतानां सुराणां धर्म-
- 47 प्रामादभंग्या दिशि दिशि विचिता यैन मीपानमार्गाः । किं चीडनुं किलाधी-गतिमपि गमिता-
- 48 न्कर्मयोगन जन्तुन्खाता प्यातालमूलावधि विश्वदयशीग्त्नष(ख)न्यस्तडागाः ।[।२१॥\*] तस्माद्मभूव तपमां
- 49 निधिरल्हर्दव स्मंकतधाम सकलार्थक्षतां गुणानां(नाम्) । कुची हरिदव जगंति चतु-र्दशापि विद्यास्थ-।
- 50 लानि सुखमासत यस्य वक्ने ॥।२२॥\*] विद्वन्मीलिमणिर्विनायक दति स्थातस्त-तीभू[त्सु]तस्तीर्थान्य-

<sup>1</sup> The name of this hamlet occurs in lines 75-76 as Sīmpidihirēm.

<sup>2</sup> This mark is to show that the word is continued in the next line.

<sup>\*</sup>The correct form of the title would be Māhāmandalika.

The visarga is imperfectly incised here.

<sup>•</sup> This mark is to show that the word is continued in the next line.

<sup>•</sup> Read khātāh pātāla-, unless sh before pā is to be taken as an upadhmānīya sign.

<sup>[</sup>Reading is r=Elhadevas -- Ed.]

- 51 प्राचमार्षणं विद्धतं यत्नीतिगंगांभिम । दूराहानगुणं निशम्य रभमादाग[च्छ]ता-मर्थिनां-।
- 52 मग्ने यस्य रहहं व्यनित निगमव्याख्यानचीत्री महान् ॥ १२३॥ \* धर्मप्रेमसृहद्यणः प्रस्तवभूः 'बात्र्यमारी ध-
- 53 तिचांतिन्नेमपदं क्षपाकुलपितर्धेर्यप्रतिष्ठीं च्छि वः । विद्याकी ग्रग्टहं विचारमिचवः मंपत्सः भामंडपः
- 54 सूनु: मांवलदेव दत्युद्भवत्यूरेस्ततः स्थातिमान् ॥[२४॥\*] प्रक्षतिसदुनं मान्यं श्रुदं मनीहरण्यमं कु-।
- 55 सुममदृशं निश्चित्वैनं श्रियः परमास्पदं(दम्) । निपुण्धिषणी रामचीणीपतिर्यदुपुंगवः कुसुमर[च]-
- 56 नाध्यत्तं दत्तं प्रमादपरीकरीत् ।[।२५॥\*] ग्रुची हित धीमित सत्यवाक्ये मैवापरे मांबलदेवसूरी । दिने दि-
- 57 नेवर्डत राजचित्ते प्रीतिः प्रगत्था खग्टहे [च] लच्चीः ॥[२६॥\*] मारंगसूरितनयामय जामटग्न(ग्न्य)वसान्वयप्रभ-।
- 58 वसाधवसूरिपाचीं(चीम्) ।[1\*] श्रजांबिर्कति विदितां गुण्रत्नभृषां योषासमावुदवह्रद्विधना स्वयोग्यां(ग्याम्) ।[1२९॥\*]
- 59 पुत्रीभूदन्यूरोर्नयाइटितयोमें धाविना वेधमा विश्वाण: पुरुषीत्तमत्वमुचितं नाम्नार्थमं-स्पर्शिना [1\*]
- 60 मत्याद्यंगपरिग्रहं विस्नशती दीषांग्रमं न्विच्छतः साध्यं जन्म हरेर्य एव वपुषः स्वीकार एकादशः ॥ २८॥\*]
- 61 महीष्या(ष्ठ्रा) हिगुणमतिं विवेकवत्या दीर्घाभ्यां हिगुण्डशं স্থাतिस्मृतिभ्यां(भ्याम्) । धैर्येण हिगुणवलं तमच-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The two aksharas gha and ma, which were wrongly repeated here, have been cancelled

<sup>2</sup> This anusvāra is superfluous.

<sup>3</sup> This mark is to show that the word is continued in the next line.

<sup>4</sup> This visarga is redundant.

The superscript, ch in chehha is imperfectly meised. Read pratishth-ötsavah.

This visarga was added subsequently.

- 62 येग् स्त्रे राज्ये यदुनृपतिर्व्यधात्रधानं(नम्) ।[।२८॥\*] म विद्युतवीज्व(ज्ज्व)न्तया निजाज्ञया प्रदर्श्य वर्णात्रसयी: पृथक(क्)-
- 63 मान् । महीपर्तः कीश्रग्टर्ह महीयमीं सुवर्णदृष्टिं व्यतनीद्वनीपमाः [॥२०॥\*] स्वामिटीहकुतामयीवलय-
- 64 वहकं कठोरं मनस्तस्य प्रज्वलता प्रतापशिषि(खि)ना नीतं जवादार्जवं(वम्) । क्रूरास्तेषु सकंटकद्रुमनिभा[:]
- 65 म्रष्टा निक्षष्टास्ततो रामचोणिपर्तः सुवर्णसदृशं तजः क्षतं प्रीज्व(ज्ज्व)लं(लम्) ।[।३१॥\*] सुक्षतनिधिषु काणी-
- 66 द्वारकाद्येषु तीर्थेष्ववहितद्वदि तिस्तं<sup>ः</sup> कल्पितानत्पमत्रे । मुनिवचनविचारान्मुक्तिमात्रप्र-।'
- 67 देषु स्मृरति परमिदानीं भुक्तिभु(मु)क्तिप्रदत्वं(त्वम्) ।[।३२॥\*] स्वाचारे स्वामिभक्ते विनयवित परस्तीधनामाविदू-
- 68 र तिमन् प्रीठप्रताप वहति पुरुषतां पीरुषेण स्मुटार्थां म् । तत्कीर्त्तिं निर्जिहानां टिश्चि टिश्चि

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- 69 बहुशो [हृष्ट]ता सज्जनानामासीत्कंषी ग(ग)शियांच्छिरमि मनिम चाहर्निशं दुर्जना-नां(नाम्) ।[।२२॥\*] श्रीमां<sup>7</sup>न् रामनृष: प्रसन्नहृद-
- 70 यो लीकदयश्रेयमे कुर्वात्मी[चि]तमग्रहारमिति तं वारान्बहनाटिशत् । तस्मै चाथ महाप्रमाट इति तां स्वी-
- 71 कुर्वत सित्क्रयां धारापूर्वमनत्यमारविषयान्यामानदान्मानदः ।[१३४॥\*] सीयमेवंविधगुण्-रत्नाकरश्चीमन्महाः
- 72 राजाधिराजश्रीरामचंद्रदेवीयमहामंडलीक पुरुषेनायकः शकन्त्रपकालातीतमंवस्वरेषु दात्रिंशद-।3
- 73 धिकद्वादश्यातसंख्याकेषु साधारणसंवत्सरांतर्गते भाद्रपटमामि कपिलषध्यां(ष्ठाां) कान्हेरिदेशसंबद्धान् कान्हे-

<sup>1</sup> Read =ghan-ōpamah.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Read tasmin.

<sup>3</sup> This mark is to show that the word is continued in the next line.

<sup>4</sup> The engraver first incised tasmin which he subsequently altered to tasmin.

<sup>5</sup> This anusvāra is superfluous.

<sup>6</sup> Read garīyān=chchhirasi.

<sup>7</sup> This anusvāra is redundant.

<sup>8</sup> Read Mahamandalika.

- 74 रिखंपणकांतर्गतान् ॥ पीष(ख)री ॥ तत्प्रविष्टानि घे(खे)टकानि । माएगाह्वाण । पालिपीखरी ॥ अडगी ॥
- 75 तत्प्रविष्टानि खेटकानि । पिंपनवाडी । काजनकीवि । मींद्रजणें ॥ वाघीरें ॥ एतत्प्रविष्टानि खेटकानि । मींपि-
- 76 दिहिरें । गीलेगाह्वाण् । धारवार्घीरें ।[1\*] कुरूण्यारगीं ॥ एवर्मतांश्चतुरी ग्रामान् स्वप्रविष्टनवखेटकमहि-
- 77 तान् तत्रत्यनिधिनिजेपत्यणजनपाषाणदंडग्रुक्त(न्क)काक्कादिममस्तादाययुक्तान् षडग्रीतिर्म-ख्याका वृत्ती:]
- 78 परिकल्प(रूप्य) देवहयार्थं वृत्तिं(नि)द्वयं ऋग्निष्टिकाप्रपार्थं(र्थ)मेका वृत्तिं (त्ति)ब्रीह्मणार्थं ऋग्नीतिसंख्याका वृत्त्यः दृत्यनया
- 79 भागकत्पनया नानागोत्रेभ्यो नानाशाखाध्यायिभ्यः त्राशीतिसंख्यविष्रेभ्यो देवद्वयाग्निष्टि-काप्रपाम-
- 80 हितेभ्य: स्वाभिनुखि(षि)तफनुमिद्यार्थे हिरुखाचतीदकपूर्वकं प्रादात् ॥ श्रय ब्राह्मण् नामानि । तत्र बहुचाः [।\*]
- 81 केशो भहसुतमहादेवभरः । कीमण्णसुतिविष्णुभरः । विष्णुमंचिस्तः पेदिभरः । गीविंदभरस्ती
- 82 लाषण्भद्रः । एते काश्यपाः ॥ मिर्ज़िदेवभद्वसुतलक्कीधरभद्रः । पद्मनाभभद्वसुतदामीदर-भद्रः । त्रा-
- 83 पदेवभट्टसुतमैरालभट्टः । योगिभट्टसुतवासुदेवभट्टः । राघी'भट्टसुतः कमलदेवभट्टः । देवणभट्ट-
- 84 सुती महाद्वभट्ट: । जीगद्वभट्टस्तः गदीभट्टः । ध्वा(१)मिद्वभट्टस्तः लषुमिद्वंभट्टः । नागनाथभट्ट-
- 85 सुत: कालिदामभट: । गंगाधरिमश्रसुत: पद्मनाभभट: । एतं भारद्वाजा: । सूदन-भट्टसुतदामीदरभ-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This name occurs above in line 37 as Simpivihirem.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Read Kēśava. Similar corrupt forms of names occur in some places below.

<sup>3</sup> Read Lakshmana-bhattah.

<sup>4</sup> Read Raghava.

Read Lakshmidera ..

- 86 ह: । गणपतिभद्वस्तः वीरभद्रभदः । दीगदेवभद्वसुती यज्ञेखन्भदः । मानंगनायकसुती गीविंदना-
- 87 यकः । दामीदरभद्दस्तः महादेवभद्दः । महानायकभद्दस्तक्तश्यभद्दः । वामनाचार्य-सतो धनिष्वरभद्दः ।
- 88 एतं जासदम्न(म्य)वत्सा: । पद्मनाभभद्दसुती जानुभद्दः । विनायकभद्दसुती राघवना-यक: । नागनायक-
- 89 सुतपुरुषात्तमदेव: । नर्मी(मिं)ह्रभष्टसुतचांगदेवभष्ट: । महादेवभष्टसुत: कमलादेवभष्ट: । प्रशास-
- 90 भट्टसुत: कंश्वभट्ट: । एतं वाशिष्टा:(हा:) ॥ पुरुषोत्तसभट्टसुत: कुण्णभट्ट: । पुरुषो-त्तसभट्टसुती गीविंदभट: [।\*]
- 91 महादेवभद्दस्ती वास्रदेवभद्दः । एतं विश्वाहृद्धाः । नागदेवभद्दस्तः खेददेवभद्दः । सुदर्शनभद्दस्तः
- 92 पुरुषोत्तमभरः । विश्वनायभर्रसुतः कृष्णभरः । गीविंदभर्रसुती महादेवभरः । एते कीशिकाः ॥ प-
- 93 ग्रनामभद्दस्ता नागदेवभद्दः । देवांभद्दस्तः श्रादित्यभद्दः । एतावागस्त्यी । शारंगपा-णिदवस्तः क्र-
- 94 षार्टव: । रामदेवभष्टसुती ब्रह्मदेवभष्ट: । एती विष्वामित्री । सांवलदेवसुती जीग्रदेवभष्ट: टाटं-
- 95 भद्दस्तो दामीदरभद्दः । एती कोडिन्धी । अनंतभद्दस्तो वैजनाधभद्दः । पद्मनाभ-भद्दस्ती दा-
- 96 मीदरभट: । एती इरिती । शार्रगपाणिभट्टसुत: चक्रपाणिभट: । कमलुदेवभट्टसुती दादंभट: [1\*]
- 97 एती प्रथमात्रेयी । भास्करभद्दस्तः क्षण्भदः । बापदेवभद्दस्तः मिह्नभदः । एती विश्वाह्वद्रांगिर-
- 98 मा । मांद्रदेवभद्दसुतश्चंडिकाभद्दः । मांद्रदेवभद्दसुती रामेखरभद्दः । एती वाध्यक्ती । पद्मनाभ-

<sup>·</sup> Agastyāh, which was first incised, was subsequently altered to Agastyau.

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74	अरबंध गर्दा ते अते शापि घर शावस्य विश्वविद्याति । सार्वे मार्वा मार्गि । सार्वे मार्गि । सार्वे । सार्वे । सार्वे	74
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78	ए रिक्त गादिर है या विर तिहार अपनिष्ठ का पार्थित का रहि बीह्न एवं विर विर ति से रहा कि हत्ते हैं। स्वारक का कार महाराजन के कारण करने के किस का स्वार के किस का स्वार के किस का	78
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80	हितिनाः शः तिलिरवतम् तामद्गविद्वरणात् वित्वत्वत् वित्वत्वत् प्रायानस्थापान् विविद्यानास्य । विविद्यानास्य । विव	80
20	कार गरह अवन हो दे अहे भाव विस्ति विकास है। विकास सम्बन्ध मिनिया विकास किया है।	
82	शारिपात्रहे । प्रावित्व । श्रुपाद्यां मिलि (वित्तरहे तत्त्व स्व वित्तरहे वित्तरमारा स्वरमारा स्वरमारा स्वरमार	82
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- 123 ह्मणायाहिताग्नये ।[।३८॥\*] यथा जनित्री पृष्णाति चीरेण खसुतं नृपा[:।\*] एवं सर्वगुणैर्भृमिर्दातारमनुपुष्यति ।[।४०॥\*] ग्रन्नि-
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- 125 ह्यम्नितापाः सुदारुणाः । घीराश्च वारुणाः पाशाः नीपसप्पंति भूमिदं(दम्) ।[18२॥\*] संतर्पयित दातारं भूमिः प्रभव-

<sup>1</sup> Read Kēśavapurī.

<sup>\*</sup> Read sõ=smān samtārayishyati.

Read Mrayor=hi.

- 126 तां वर । क्रमाय क्रमस्त्याय हित्तचीणाय सीदते ।[18२॥\*] भूमिं हित्तकरीं दला(त्वा) च्छत्री भवति मानव: ।[।४४॥\*] षष्टिं वर्षसङ्खा-
- 127 कि समें तिष्ठति भूमिदः श्राक्केला(त्ता) चानुमंता च ताम्येव नरके वमेल ।[18 ५॥\*] वारिदस्तप्तिमाप्नीति सुखमच-
- 128 यसबदः । तिलप्रदः प्रजामिष्टां दीपदश्च कुरुत्तमं । भूमिदः सर्वमाप्नीति दीर्घमा युस्तयैव च ॥[४६॥\*| ऋय
- 129 ब्राह्मणभूमिहरणे दीषा: ॥ गार्मकां रिवकार्मकां भूमेरप्येकमंगुलं(लम) । हरं(रन) नरकमाप्रीति यावटा-
- 130 भूतसंप्रवं(वम्) ।[।४७॥\*] स्वदत्तां परदत्तां वा यी हरत वसुंधरां(राम्) । षष्टिं वर्षसच्चाणि विष्ठायां जायते क्रिमः ।[18८॥\*] स्वद-
- 131 त्तां परदत्तां वा इरेत सुरविष्रयी: । इत्तिं स जायते विद्रुग्वर्षोणामयतायतं(तम) [[18८॥\*] विंध्याटवीखतीया**स**
- 132 ग्रुष्ककीटरशायिन: [1\*] क्वण्यसर्प्याः प्रजायंति ब्रह्मभूस्यपहारकाः ।[1५०॥\*] हिनस्ति विषमत्तार विद्वरिद्धः प्र-
- 133 शाम्यति । कुलं समूलं दह्ति व्र(ब्र)ह्मस्वारिणपावक: ।[।५१॥\*] ब्रह्मस्वं दुरनुज्ञातं भुक्तं हंति चिपूर्वषं(षम्) । प्रसन्ध ।
- 134 तु बलाइतां दम पूर्वान् दमापरान् ।[।५२॥\*] ग्टइं(ह्नं)ति यावतः पा(पां)सून क्रंदतामशुबिंदवः । विपाणां इतव्यतीनां व-
- 135 दान्यानां कुटंबिनां(नाम्) ।[।५२॥\*] राजानी राजकुल्यास तावतीब्दानिरंकुणा[:\*] । कंभीपाकेषु पचंते ब्रह्मभूम्यपः।
- 136 हारिष: ॥[५४॥\*] त्रय भूमिपालनफलं(लम्) ॥ दानपालनयीर्मध्ये दानाच्छेयीन-पालनं(नम्) । दानात्मुर्गमवाप्री-
- 137 ति पालनादचुतं पदं(दम्) क्षिप्र॥\*] गर्खात पांश्वी भूमेर्गस्वते वृष्टिबिंदव: । न गखते विधानापि भूमिमंर-
- 138 चुणे फलं(लम्) । प्रद्॥\*] बहुभिवंसुधा दत्ता राजभि[:\*] सगरादिभि: । यस्य यस्य यदा भूमिस्तस्य तस्य तदा फ-

<sup>1</sup> Read either kum=uttamām or Kur-ūttama.

<sup>2</sup> Danda unnecessary.

<sup>3</sup> This mark is to show that the word is continued in the next line.

- 139 लं(लम्) ।[।५৩॥\*] सामान्धीयं धर्मसेतुर्नृपाणां काले काले पालनीयो भवितः [।\*] सर्वानितान् भाविनः पार्थिर्वे(वें)द्रान् भू-
- 140 यो भूयो याचर्त रामचंद्र: १।५८॥\*] महंश्रजा: परमहीपतिवंश्रजा वा पापादपेत-मनमी भुवि भाविभृपा: । त
- 141 पालयंतु सम धर्ममि[मं समग्रं] तभ्यो सया विरचितींजलिरेष सृद्धिः ॥[५८॥\*] संगलं सहाश्रोः ॥ छ ।

### TRANSLATION.

Om! Obeisance to the holy primeval Boar!

- (Verse 1) May Śārngapāṇi (Vishṇu) be worshipped!—(he) whose proper form consists of unsurpassed and infinite bliss and consciousness; whose manifest power is possessed through mighty and stainless sattra; who has an extremely attractive body which is an abode of auspicious things (and) who is the refuge of those who are worsted by others!
- (V. 2) Glorious is the moon, the pleasure-lotus (in the hand) of the goddess of fortune of the three worlds, which sprang from the milk-ocean which is the pleasure-lake of Lakshmi and Nārā-yaṇa!
- (V. 3) Glorious is that infinite race of the moon, the creeper of whose fame shines in this world. In that race, again, there were the bright and round pearls possessed of great and attractive lustre, viz., the Vrishnis of unblemished character. Among them, again, there is a one-string necklace formed with a beautiful thread. (viz., the Yādava jamily of Dēvagiri which is possessed of excellent merits) which gave lustre to the necks of poets. In it, again, there is this central gem possessing the beautiful lustre of the wish-fulfilling jewel, (namely,) the king Siriha.
- (V. 4) What kings were not terrified to hear that by Simha Ballāla was vanquished, the lord of Andhra was made to suffer a defeat, Kakkalla was overthrown, the lord of Bhambhā-giri was devoured in a moment, the king Bhōja was thrown into confinement on the crest of a fortress and Arjuna was subjugated?
- (V. 5) His son was Jaitrapāla, the moon to the kumuda which was (his) family (and) a very gracious temple of the goddess of heroism; who by his excellent form completely quelled the pride of the god of love, the tap-root of beauty; who was concluded to be the unique limit of the excess of magnanimity by the people who (at first) expressed (their) doubts as to whether he was Karņa, or Dadhīchi, or Šibi, or Jīmūtavāhana.4
- (V. 6) From him was born the lord, the illustrious king **Kṛishṇa**, who frequently vanquished brave men. Seeing warriors fleeing away (before him), the regions laughed at them under the guise of his fame.

<sup>1</sup> Visarga is superfluous.

The original has vaméah which means also a bamboo. On this double entendre is based the following meta-phor. According to a poetic convention, pearls are produced also from bamboos.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Because it supplied them with an excellent subject for their poems.

<sup>\*</sup> All these were noted for their great liberality.

- (V. 7) He whose activities extended to Kāmapāla and to whom extensive fortune resorted of its own accord, clearly manifested himself to be Krishna, delighting zealously a multitude of cowherds.
- (V. 8) On the occasion of his march for conquest, princes disguised as bards sang as follows:—Collect, O old Gürjara, the mass of dust in the cowpens throughout (thy) life! Do not, O Mālava, stop mowing! Cling, O Chōla, to the hem of the lower garment (of ladies)! Be intent, O Kōśala, on giving up (thy) treasure!
- (V. 9) When the king Klishna went sportively to his own city Vaikuntha in order to have a look at it, that younger brother of his (viz.), Mahādēva, ruled over this earth thereafter; (he) whose sword, which produced the misapprehension that it was the ornamental mark of musk (on the forehead) of the Earth who was shining on his arm, caused terror among hostile kings.
- (V. 10) Though he plunged the crescent moon into the ocean, removing her from her proper place, he is, strange (to say), still called Mahādēva by the people.
- (V. 11) (Then) was born his son the king Ammana, who was possessed of great strength<sup>3</sup> and who greatly rescued the Brāhmanas oppressed by taxes, even as Skanda rescued the gods oppressed by (the demon) Tāraka.
- (V. 12) When the Grandsire of warriors was giving away (in charity), all hostile kings, indeed, became eager to receive the gifts; since having continuously exposed themselves to the rays of the hot-rayed (sun), they whose minds were distressed by the reproachful words of (their) beautiful (wires), regretfully cast a (wistful) glance at their kingdoms.
- (V. 13) Climbing the highest **Dēvagiri** by means of the ladder which were the heads of hostile princes, the (famous) **Rāma**, the son of Krishņa, enjoys his kingdom, forcibly wresting it from him (i.e., Ammaņa).
- (V. 14) First entrance into the fort of Dēvagiri, then observation of the manner of dancing, afterwards rallying of self-willed foot-soldiers, then throwing off of ornaments, removal of the opponent who obstructed (his) desired object and wresting of the earth from him—these were successively accomplished by the illustrious Rāma. Hence his glory is extraordinary!
- <sup>1</sup> Krishna also is known for similar deeds. He gave protection to Kāma (i.e., the god of love) who became his son Pradyumna. He was chosen by Lakshmī (who had incarnated herself as Rukminī) at her wayamrara. Finally, he used to delight herds of cows by his sweet music.
- <sup>2</sup> The astonishment is due to the fact that the god Mahādēva (whose name the king bears) always keeps on his head the crescent moon which had sprung from the ocean. The contradiction in this verse is only apparent, the figure being *Virōdhābhāsa*; for Sōma means here the Śilāhāra king Sōmēśvara whom Mahādēva killed in a naval engagement.
  - <sup>3</sup> Śaktidhara (the wielder of a spear) is also a name of Skanda.
- \* Kshatra-pitāmaha 'Grandsire of kings' was one of the birudas of the Yādavas of Dēvagiri. The Thāṇā plates mention in two places (lines 28 and 35-36) a similar title in connection with Rāmachandra.
- back their kingdoms as gifts from Āmaṇadēva. As they went home empty-handed, they were rebuked by their wives. Līlāvatī is also the name of the first section of Bhāskarāchārya's Siddhāntaśirōmani. Is there, then, a play on the word chandāmśu also (meaning Bhāskara)? Bhāskarāchārya is not, however, known to have written a work named Kiranāvalī.
- Ślōka means also a verse. This verse which describes the successive achievements of Rāmachandra is superior to the following traditional verse which describes in a similar manner the successive doings of Rāma, an incarnation of Vishņu:—Ādau Rāma-tapōvan-ābhigamanam hatvā mrigam kāñchanam Vaidēhi-haraṇam Jatāvumaraṇam Sugrīva-sambhāshaṇam | Vāli-nirdalanam samudra-taraṇam Lunkā-puri-dāhanam paśchād=Rāvaṇa-Kumbhakarṇa-hananam=etad=dhi Rāmāyanam #

- (V. 15) The illustrious Rāma,—who noticed an easy way of securing his kingdom, whose entire policy is explained by his occupation of the fort (of Dēvagiri), who obtained his object by his personal energy which shone by the use of various means, who showed the way to acquire wealth by forbidding actions of the castes in transgression (of the dictates of the Sāstias), who surpassed celestial beings<sup>1</sup> in that though a boy<sup>2</sup> he was not affected by abuse,—is (revily) Sarvavarman,<sup>3</sup> who noticed an easy way of forming padas.<sup>4</sup> all of whose aphorisms are explained by Durga's commentary, who derived the (intended) sense from roots shining with conjugational signs, who showed how to obtain the meaning (of abbieriations) without writing the letters (of the alphabet) in the reverse order.<sup>6</sup> and who has surpassed the primeval grammarians,<sup>7</sup> since not even a boy (who studies his grammar) is tainted by the use of wrong words.<sup>8</sup>
- (V. 16) How can that Rāma be described ?—(he) who vanquished in a moment the king of the great and extensive **Pāhala** country; who made the lord of the country of **Bhāṇḍāgāra** suffer a great defeat; who deprived the king of **Vajrākara** of his kingdom, and who subjugated in battle that (well-known) king of cowherds?
- (V. 17) How can that Rāmachandra be truly described ! (he) who only by his prowess defeated with arrows the lord of Palli on a battle-field, made the king of Kanyakubja bend low, captured by force the mighty lord of Sangama and crushed the chief of Khēṭa !
- (V. 18) He abrogated the conventional rules about tolls, exempted all *agrahāras* from taxes, freed **Vārāṇas**ī from a hoard of Mlēchchhas and constructed (there) a golden temple of Śārṅgadhara.

(Lines 31-42) He, the Praudhapratāpa-Chakracartin. Mahārājādhirāja, the illustrious king Rāmachandra, adorned by a multitude of such excellences, the sun which makes the lotus-bud, viz., the Yādava race, bloom, the Purandara of the city of Dēvagiri, granted with joy caused by the execution of all his commands, by pouring water on the hand, on Saturday, the eleventh tithi of the bright fortnight of Bhādrapada in the (cyclic) year Sādhāraṇa when twelve hundred years increased by thirty-two had elapsed since the time of the Śaka king, the four villages together with nine hamlets included in them, situated in the Kānhairi khampaṇaka (sub-division) included in the Kānhairi dēśa, together with the treasures, deposits, trees, grass, water, stones, and all dues such as fines, taxes, and cess on artisans,—(the jour villages, namely). Pōkharī (with) the hamlets included in it. (viz.), Sāēgāhvāṇa. Pimpalagāhvāṇa (and) Pālipōkharī: Adagau (with) the hamlets included in it. (viz.), Pimpalavāḍi, Kājalakōvi (and) Sōijaṇē; Vāghaure (with) the hamlets included in it. (viz.), Sīmpivihirē, Gōlēgāhvāṇa (and) Dhāravāghaurē: (and) Kuruṇapāragau—

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Diry-ākrīti means a celestial being such as Rāma who was an incarnation of Vishņu. He was blamed by the people of Ayödhyā, because he took back his wife Sîtā after her stay in Rāvana's house. (See Vālmīki's Rāmāyaṇa (Bom. ed.), Uttarakānda, sarga 63.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> As Rāmachandra had a long reign of about forty years, he may have been in his teens when he wrested the crown from his cousin.

<sup>3</sup> Sarvavarman is the reputed author of the Kātantra system of Sanskrit grammai

<sup>4</sup> A pada is a nominal or a verbal form ending in a case-affix or a termination.

<sup>5</sup> Durga of Durgasimha is a well-known commentator of the Kātantra sūtius.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> In the Māhēścara sūtras, on which the system of Pāṇini is based, the natural order of the letters of the alphabet is reversed for the sake of the pratyāhāras. In the sūtras of Śarvavarman, however, the natural order of the letters is retained.

In the second sense we have to make the pada-chchhēda as  $j\bar{e}t\bar{a}\;\bar{u}di-iy\bar{u}krit\bar{t}iu\bar{a}m$  (who surpassed the primeval grammarians like  $P\bar{a}nim$ ).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> The Kätantra system is much easier than the Pāṇmian, so that even a boy can soon master the Sanskrit language with its aid. For the story of its origin, see the Kathāsarītsāgara, lambaka 1, tarangas 6-7.

to the Mahāmāndalika Purushai Nāyaka, the son of the Phulabadue Sāmvala Nāyaka, who belongs to the Vāsishṭha-qātra and is a student of the Rigvēda-śākhā. The following are the eulogistic verses about him:—

- (V. 19) Glorious is Vasishtha, the abode of austerities, who is the sole preceptor of the world, the son of the Creator, known as his second self. (and) the foremost of the seven sages; whose wife is Arundhatī whose virtue is the foremost teacher for (giving) instruction in chastity; and in a corner of whose cowpen there is the celestial cow which is a very moonlight for (dispelling) the darkness, namely, the distress of the three worlds.
- (V. 20) From him another son was born like him and then from him another. Thus in course of time there sprang a noble family, an ornament of the three worlds, resembling a succession of the sun's rays causing awakening among the embodied beings troubled by the alligator-like darkness and infatuation.
- (V. 21) In that (family) was born **Bhānusūri** who constructed in every quarter, staircases in the guise of temples for the sake of gods who had come out (of heaven) to receive offerings in his sacrifices: and who, in order to raise up the creatures who had sunk low by reason of their (bad) deeds, excavated, as deep as the surface of the nether regions, tanks which were the mines of jewels in the form of his bright fame.
- (V. 22) From him was born Alhadeva, (who was) a treasure of austerities, and a meeting place of all fruitful excellences: in whose mouth dwelt with ease the fourteen lores even as the fourteen worlds do in the belly of Hari (at the time of world-destruction.)
- (V. 23) From him was born a son named Vināyaka, the crest-jewel of (all) learned people In the water of the Ganges, namely, his fame, even the holy places perform the purificatory rite; (and) the loud noise of the exposition of the Vēdas discloses his house to the supplicants who come in haste, having heard of his virtue of liberality.
- (V. 24) From that learned man sprang a famous son named **Sārhvaladēva**, the friend of the love of piety, the source of glory, the essence of cleverness, the abode of contentment, forgiveness and happiness, the head of the family of compassion, the festivity of the establishment of courage, the treasury of learning, the minister of discrimination and the assembly-hall of wealth.
- (V. 25) Having ascertained that like a flower he was gentle by nature, venerable, pure, capable of attracting the mind and the best abode of fortune, the king Rāma, the foremost of the Yadus, who has a keen intellect, being intent on showing favour to him, made him, (who was) vigilant, the superintendent of the arrangement of flowers.
- (V. 26) Day by day there grew in the mind of the king affection for Sāmvaladēva, who was honest, beneficent, intelligent, truthful and devoted to service even as fortune did in his home.
- (V. 27) Then he married, according to the sacred rite, a wife named Akvāmbikā, worthy of himself, who was the daughter of Sāraṅgasūri and the son's daughter of Mādhavasūri born in the family of Jāmadagnya-Vatsa, and who was adorned by the jewels of excellences
- (V. 28) To these, who were designedly united by the wise Creator, there was born a son, bearing the fitting and significant name of **Purushōttama**. This is the eleventh incarnation of **Hari**, who reflecting on the slight blemish in incarnating himself as the fish, etc, was seeking a noble birth.

<sup>1</sup> I.e., he became famous by excavating these tanks.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>[See above, p 212, n. 7.—Ed.]

- (V. 29) The Yadu king made him a minister of his Government—(him) who had double wisdom due to his association with good people marked by discrimination, double vision by his study of the extensive *śrutis* and *smṛttis*, (and) double strength by his inexhaustible courage.
- (V. 30) Having shown by his brilliant command separate courses of conduct for the castes and orders of life, even as a cloud shows different paths by its lightning, he poured a large shower of gold into the treasure-house of the king.
- (V. 31) The crooked and hard mind of treasonous people was quickly made straightforward by his brilliant prowess, even as the hard and curved bracelet of iron is made straight by burning fire. The cruel ones among them were burnt like thorny trees and then taken out. Then the glory of the king Rāmachandra was made bright like gold.
- (V. 32) When he, who had devoted his heart to the holy places like Kāśī and Dvārakā which are the treasures of religious merit, established charitable feeding houses (in them) the capacity to yield (both) enjoyment and liberation now shines in those (holy places) which, from a consideration of the declaration of sages, were (previously) held to confer liberation only.
- (V. 33) While he, who is well-conducted, devoted to his lord, modest, extremely averse to others' wives and wealth and possessed of great prowess, was conducting himself as a (noble) man, displaying herosim, there generally followed, day and night, in the wake of his glory which went forth in every direction, joy in good people and great trembling in the head and heart of wicked ones.
- (V. 34) The illustrious and gracious-minded king Rāma asked him many times to make an agrahāra worthy of himself for (the attainment of) well-being in both the worlds. And when he accepted that honour as a great favour, he (i.e., the king) who humbles the pride (of his foes), conferred on him villages of great value by pouring water (on the hand).
- (Ll. 71-80) He, that Purushai Nāyaka, the mine of such jewels of excellences, the Mahāmāndalika of the illustrious Mahārājādhirāja Rāmachandradēva, has conferred, for the attainment of his desired object, making first the offerings of gold, rice and water on the Kapılashashthī in the month Bhādrapada included in the (cyclic) year Sādhāraņa when twelve hundred years increased by thirty-two had elapsed since the time of the Saka king, the four villages together with nine hamlets included in them, situated in the Kanhairi khampanaka (sub-division) of the Kānhairi dēśa, together with the treasures, deposits, grass, water, stones and all dues such as fines, taxes (and) cess on artisans.—(the four villages, namely), Pokhari (with) the hamlets included in it. (viz ). Sāēgāhvāņa, Pimpalagāhvāņa (and) Pālipōkharī; Adagau (with) the hamlets included in it. (viz.). Pimpalavādi, Kājalakovi (and) Soijaņē; Vāghaurē (with) the hamlets included in it. (viz.). Sīmpidihirē. Gōlēgāhvāņa (and) Dhāravāghaurē; and Kuruṇapāragau-after dividing them into rrittis (i.e., parts) numbering eighty-six (and) assigning (them) to the Brāhmaņas, eighty-three in number, who belong to various gotras and are students of various śākhās, together with two gods, agnishtīkā and prapā, in this manner, namely, two vrittis to the two gods, one mitte for (the performance of) the agnishtika rite and (the maintenance of) a prapa (charitable water-shed) (every year) and the remaining vrittiv numbering eighty-three to (the following) Brāhmaņas. Now the names of the Brāhmaņas: -

(Here follow the names of eighty-three Brāhmanas together with those of their fathers.  $g\bar{o}tras$  and  $s\bar{a}kh\bar{a}s$ .)

(Ll. 114-117) Now the boundaries of this agrahāra land:—To the east Dāṇḍigau (and) Sādulē; to the south Kēśavapurī. Sāvarigavā (and) Harikinibagau; to the west Rājagau. Hīvarē, Chiñcha-

valī, (and) Mahādēvapurī joined to Drugalēgāhvāņa; to the north the Gangā. The agrahāra, which has the other name of Purushōttamapurī, has thus been formed with the four boundaries well-determined in this manner.

(Li 117-20) Now rules for the conduct of the Brāhmaņas. This land shall be enjoyed by these (Brāmaņas) and their descendants, following always the righteous path; it shall not be mortgaged or sold. No quarter shall be given to prostitutes; the custom of gambling also shall be prohibited; (and) weapons and (such) other things shall not be used. These Brāhmaṇas shall (always) be intent on (performing) good deeds. There shall be no forced contribution (for the expenses of) royal officers halting at and departing from (the agrahāra)<sup>2</sup>.

(Ll. 120-41) Now the praise of a gift of land:-

(Here follow twenty-three benedictive and imprecatory verses.)

(Line 141) May there be bliss and great fortune!

### No. 22 TWO GRANTS OF PRITHIVICHANDRA BHOGASAKTI

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In August 1936 when Mr. Vats was Superintendent, Archæological Survey, Western Circle, Poona, three grants consisting of seven copper plates were sent to him by the Collector of Nāsik. They were found with a Marāṭhī Patel family, surnamed Shid, of Anjaneri village in the head-quarters Taluka of the Nāsik District. Three of the plates were found to make one grant, marked A and two another, marked B, both issued by a king named Pṛithivīchandra Bhōga-śakti. Lines 1-25 of the former are identical with lines 1-27 of the latter. The remaining two plates were found to make a third grant of the Gurjara king Jayabhaṭa III. Below are described the first two grants mentioned above as A and B.

Each of these grants was held together by two copper rings. To one of the two rings of the one marked A is affixed a tubular seal containing the figure of a hon in relief. The surface of the seal is circular and  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " in diameter. The three plates of this set along with the rings and the seal weigh 308 tolas. There is also the figure of a boar engraved in the middle of the second half of the second plate of this grant. The plates measure  $12\frac{1}{4}$  to  $12\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length and  $7\frac{1}{4}$  to 8 inches in width. As usual, the first and the third plates are inscribed on the inner faces only and the middle plate on both the sides. The inscription consists of 55 lines of writing, 14 on each of the first, second and fourth faces and 13 on the third one.

A circumscribed lotus is incised on the uninscribed outer face of the first plate, while a large figure of conch shell appears upside down across the outer face of the third plate which bears a postcript record of king Tējavarman in 9 lines.

The two plates making up the second grant measure  $11\frac{7}{8} \times 7\frac{1}{2}$  to  $7\frac{7}{8}$  mches. One of the two rings of this grant is missing and the remaining one has a tubular seal similar to that found in A. The weight of the two plates forming this grant together with the ring and the seal is

<sup>1</sup> Such restrictions date from ancient times. See, for instance, vv. 31 ff. of the Sirpur inscription of the time of Mahā-Sivagupta, above, Vol. XI, pp. 192 f.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The same expression occurs also in the Paithan plates. It was first interpreted by Dr. Fleet as referring to the exemption of the king's servants from fines either for staying at or for setting out on journeys from tham. (Ind. Ant., Vol. XIV, p. 315). Later on he gave the alternative explanation that "the expression ...may refer to fines" i.e., forced contributions of money or supplies obligatory on the holders of villages on such occasions" (C. I. I., Vol. III, p. 98, n. 2). Three is no doubt that the latter is the correct interpretation.

178 telas. In this, the inscription consists of 38 lines only, 12 being inscribed on the first plate, 14 and 12 respectively on the inner and outer faces of the second plate.

Both the grants are, on the whole, well preserved, but in some cases owing to portions of the plates being more or less corroded certain letters of grant B are not quite legible.

The characters in the inscriptions belong to the southern variety of the seventh century A.D. and are similar to those of the Valabhi and Gurjara grants of the same period. They are crowned by small circles and are more angular than rounded, mark, for instance the letters m, v, and d. Among peculiarities of the inscription in grant A, it may be pointed out that the sign for the medial long  $\tilde{n}$  is used in two ways, cf.  $P\tilde{u}revatirik\tilde{n}ta$ , 1–38 and  $P\tilde{u}rrr\tilde{v}$  sata $\tilde{n}$ , 1–39. The sign for initial  $\tilde{v}$  in 1–54 deserves to be noted specially with reference to the same sign in ll–14 and 31 of grant B. Equally remarkable are the forms of letters ph and  $hh\tilde{u}$  in lines 52 and 73 respectively. It may also be noted that both the forms of l are found in this inscription. As regards the orthography it may be stated that the sign for  $upadhm\tilde{u}n\tilde{u}ya$  is but once used in l. 41 of A and a consonant is usually doubled both before and after r as in  $q\tilde{u}tra$ , putra, putra, putra,  $d\tilde{v}ray = \tilde{u}rchchara$ ,  $dsh\tilde{u}bht = \tilde{u}ruva$ ,  $dsh\tilde{u}ruva$ 

As regards the **peculiarities** of the inscription in **grant B**, it may be stated that the signs for the medial u and  $r_t$  and the subscript r are not easily distinguishable from one another. So also is the case with v and t. The  $t\bar{e}pha$  is turned round to the left of a letter so much so that it goes above it. In this inscription, too, a consonant is usually doubled before and after r. Grant A seems to contain Sanskrit renderings of certain local words or phrases e.g.,  $karan\bar{e} k\bar{o}e\bar{e}_ta\bar{m}$ . 1. 35,  $qh_t tta-s\bar{e}ttk\bar{a}$ , 1–37. Of the former, the sense is not at all clear, but the latter was possibly a small measure such as a ladle.

In both the grants, the records open with an invocatory verse in praise of the boar incarnation of the god Vishou as is always the case with the inscriptions of the Western Chalukyas of Bādāmi who were acknowledged as their overlords by the kings of the Hariśchandra family. Then follows the prose portion describing in usual terms the origin of the Chalukya family in which was ruling the emperor Vikramāditya, who was an ornament of the whole earth. This is followed by the description of a ruler named Svāmichandra whose covereign Vikramāditya Chalukya considered him as his son, who was an ornament of the Hariśchandra family and who enjoyed the possession of the whole of the Purī-kōńkaṇa, consisting of 14,000 villages. Svāmichandra's son was Siṁhavarman and the latter's son was Bhōgaśakti, who bore the second name of Pṛithivīchandra'. Much of the further portion of the inscription is devoted to an extravagant praise of this feudatory king Bhōgaśakti.

The grant marked A was issued by Bhōgaśakti after addressing the state officials etc. of Gōparāshṭra, eastern Trikūṭa, Āmrarājī, Mairikā, two Mahāgirihāras, and Palla Āḍhamba[ka] divisions, and its object was to provide for conducting the worship of the god Nārāyaṇa and for dance, music, free kitchen, etc., at the temple which had been built at Jayapura by Bhōgēśvara who is probably to be identified with Bhōgaśakti himself. The endowment made for the above purposes consisted of the revenues of eight villages, riz., Jayagrāma, Ambē-Avaṅgaṇa, Pālittapāṭaka, Kōkilākshaka, Kalahaka, Mradgāhitaka³,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> [See below p. 235, n. 3.—Ed.]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> [He also seems to have had the biruda Tribhuvanānkuśa (l. 25A, l. 27B).—Ed.]

<sup>\* [</sup>See below p. 232. n. 2.—Ed.]

Kshēmagiraka and Ānnagrāma and the income derived from certain taxes. The taxes consisted of certain levies during the  $\eta \tilde{u} t_i \tilde{u}$  festival of the god from every shop in the market and every court-yard(!); and on the import and export of every load of caravan; a handful of corn, and a fixed measure of ghee from (every house in) the principal village in each of the sub-divisions of Gōparāshtra, Āmrarājī, and Mairikā; and in like manner from other villages!; one hundred Kieshijarājā rupees from the sub-division of eastern Trikūṭa, two hundred Kieshijarājā rupees from the Western Mahāgirihāra and one hundred from the eastern one; and fifty Kieshijarājā rupees from the Palla Āḍhamba sub-division. But the above eight villages, on which taxes were thus imposed, were exempted from all the usual exactions of forced labour, etc. A committee of five or ten merchants was enjoined, in accordance with the established custom of the town, to arrange for the  $\eta \tilde{u} t_i \tilde{u}$  festival of the god Vishiju for a whole fortnight in the month of Mārgašīrsha. The management of the temple was vested in the merchant guild of the town of Javapuia and the local merchants were exempted from (all other state) taxes.

This grant is dated in the year 461 of an unspecified era. Its scribe was Bharatasvāmin, an inhabitant of Kallivana.

The grant B refers to the re-colonisation of the formerly deserted Samagiripattana (the township of Samagiri) along with Chandrapuri and four other hamlets called Ambayapallikā<sup>2</sup>, Savāņēyapallikā, Maurēyapallikā and Kamsāripallikā. All these were vested in the town council of Samagiripattana, the merchants whereof were exempted from the payment of custom duties, the apatradham, etc. The town council was also empowered to impose fines for certain moral delinquencies and other crimes.

The outer face of the third plate of grant A bears another inscription of nine lines in characters larger in size and slightly different in form from those of the main inscription. It records the grant by king **Tējavarman** of a free pasture land in the village of **Pālittapāṭaka** near **Jayapura**, already mentioned in the main inscription. In heu of this land belonging to the god Bhōgēśvara-dēva, who is identical with the Bhōgēśvara-pratishṭhda-Nārāyaya of the main inscription, one hundred rupees were deposited by him with the merchant guild of Jayapura as a perpetual endowment, the interest of which was to be utilised for providing gaggela for the daily worship of the god.

It is interesting to note that Tējavarman, who calls himself a  $r\bar{a}jan$ , is mentioned also in grant B wherein he is said to have promulgated the orders contained in the grant. As Bhōga-sakti and his predecessors also bore no more assuming a title than  $r\bar{a}jan$  it is possible that Tējavarman belonged to the same family and might even have been a successor of Bhōgasakti, since his record appears as a postscript to grant A.

The great historical importance of the present grants lies in the fact that they bring to light a **new feudatory dynasty** which ruled in the latter part of the seventh and the beginning of the eighth century A.D. over the vast territory comprising the whole of Purī-kōūkana consisting of 14,000 villages which apparently included the present Nāsik District under the sovereignty of the Western Chalukyas. The first member of this feudatory family, which was named after Harischandra, was Svāmichandra, who acknowledged the sovereignty of Viktamāditya, the Western Chalukya emperor who, as we know, reigned from 655 to 680 A.D. It is specially noted in the inscriptions that Svāmichandra was loved by his overlord as his own son. The figure of a boar, the emblem of the Chalukya family of Bādāmi, engraved on the reverse of the second plate of Grant A, was probably meant to indicate respect and loyalty to the Imperial dynasty, whereas

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> [See below p. 235, n. 3.—Ed.]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> [See below p. 237, n. 3 .—Ed.]

the figure of a lion embossed on the seals attached to the plates was presumably the emblem of the Harischandra family. Since nothing is specifically mentioned in the inscriptions to the credit of Svāmichandra's two successors. Simhavarmarāja and Bhōgaśakti, it may be concluded that they did little in raising the importance of the family.

There is nothing in the inscription to denote the era to which its date should be referred. The Chalukya emperors, to whom Bhōgaśakti's family owed allegiance, used no doubt the Śaka era in all their grants and ordinarily it might be expected that the same would be used by their feudatories of the Hariśchandra family as well. But that the date 461 of our record cannot be referred to the Śaka era is obvious from the fact that Svāmichandra, the grandfather of Bhōgaśakti who is the donor of the present grant, was a contemporary of the Chalukya emperor Vikramāditya, who, we know, ruled from A.D. 655 to 680. This is possible only if the date is referred to the Kalachuri era which is found generally used in inscriptions of the period discovered in the Lāṭa country and the Nāsik District<sup>1</sup>. The inscription therefore belongs to the year 709-10 A.D. The Hariśchandra family, although it owed allegiance to the Chalukyas, seems to have adopted the Kalachuri era in their grants because it was current in the country.

The Aihole inscription of Pulakēśin II, dated A.D. 634, tells us that this ruler had defeated the Mauryas of Kōnkaṇa and had subdued the city called Purī², which was the glory of the western sea. But we know that in the concluding years of Pulikēśin's reign his hold over the northern territories had slackened. Svāmichandra of the Hariśchandra family, who was probably ruling over a small territory round about Jayapura in the Nāsik District, seems to have rendered such signal services to the Chalukya emperor Vikramāditya, son of Pulikēśin, in consolidating his power over the western and northern parts of the empire that he was not only considered as his son by the emperor but, as may be inferred from our Anjaneri plates, also appears to have obtained from him as a reward the whole of the territory known as Purī-kōnkaṇa.

The Dhōndhaka grant³ of the Chalukya Jayasimhavarman, vounger son of Pulikēśin, shows that he was ruling over the Nāsik territory in about Šaka 580 (A.D. 658). Similarly, the Nirpan plates⁴ found in the Igatpuri Taluka of the Nāsik District record a grant by Tribhuvanāśraya-Nāgavardhana, son of Dharāśraya-Jayasimhavarman, one of the younger brothers of the emperor Pulikēśin himself, of a village named Balēgrāma in the Gōparāshṭra cishaya. Although there are strong reasons to suppose that the Nirpan plates are spurious, yet from both of these this much is clear that a portion of the Nāsik District was for some time in the possession of a scion of the Imperial family. Now our Anjaneri plates show that the divisions of Gōparāshṭra and others were in the possession of Bhōgaśakti and probably of his predecessors too. This was possible only if Vikramāditya had taken out the territory from the possession of a scion of his own family and granted it to Svāmichandra for his valuable services.

It seems strange, however, that no successor of Vikramāditya has been mentioned in the record, not even the sovereign Vijayāditya (A.D. 697-733) who was reigning at the time of this inscription. It need not be supposed from this that the Chalukya emperors lost hold over the pro-

<sup>1</sup> Cf. (a) Ābhōna (Nāsīk District) plates of Šankaragaņa dated in the year 347=A.D. 595. Above, Vol. IX. pp. 297 ff. (b) Vadnēra (Nāsīk District) plates of Buddharāja dated in the year 360=A.D. 608. Above, Vol. XII, pp. 33 ff. (c) Sarsavņī (Baroda State) plates of Buddharāja dated in the year 361=A.D. 609. Above, Vol. VI. pp. 297 ff.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Above, Vol. VI, pp. 1 ff., verses 20-21.

<sup>3</sup> G. H. Khare, Sources of the Medieval History of the Dekkan (in Marathi), Vol. I, pp. 12 ff.

<sup>4</sup> Ind. Ant., Vol. IX, p. 124.

vince in which Bhōgaśakti was ruling, since the latter makes a proper mention of the Chalukya family at the beginning of the inscription and engraved the figure of a boar in the middle of it showing thereby that he had full regard for the Imperial family and owed allegiance to it.

Secondly, a copper plate grant referring to the reign of Vijayāditya was found at Balsār¹ in Gujarāt which was issued from the town of Maṅgalapuri by the Rājā Maṅgalarasa, son of Dharāśraya-Jayasimhavarman, the younger brother of Vikramāditya I. Contrary to the usual practice of the Gujarāt grants, this record is dated not in the Kalachuri era but in Śaka 653 and this fact suggests that the record really belongs not to the Lāṭa country but to the territory above the Ghāts in the direction of Nāsik and Khāndesh. This shows that Vijayāditya's power was acknowledged in the Nāsik District as late as A.D. 731. The failure, therefore, to mention the name of the reigning emperor in the Anjaneri grants indicates not so much the carelessness of the scribe or the draftsman of the record as the troublous times.

We do not know how long after the date of our inscription the Harischandra family continued to rule over Purī-kōnkaṇa, but it seems certain that with the overthrow of the Western Chalukya power by the Rāshṭrakūṭas the family of Svāmichandra suffered the same fate, for the Kanheri cave inscription of Śaka 765 (A.D. 843-44) states that the Śilāhāra chief Mahāsāmanta Pullaśakti was ruling over the whole of the Purī-kōnkaṇa holding it through the favour of the Rāshṭrakūṭa emperor Amōghavarsha. Pullaśakti's father, Kapardin I, seems to have founded the Śilāhāra family of north Kōnkaṇa at the beginning of the ninth century. This is another reason to suppose that the Hariśchandra family ruled not later than the middle of the 8th century and ended with the fall of the Imperial Chalukvas.

The mention of the Krishnarāna rāpakas in the inscription is important. It shows that at the time of the Anjaneti plates there were in use in the Nāsik District silver coins named after Krishnarāja. There can be no doubt that this Krishnarāja was the famous Kalachuri emperor, whose son Śańkarana (Śańkaragana) issued the Sankhedā plate² of Śantilla and whose coins were found not only in Dēvalanā in the Nāsik District but also in the islands of Bombay and Salsette. These bear the legend Paramamāhī švara Krishnarāja and the figure of a bull.

The yātrā festival in honour of the god Vishņu mentioned in the inscription A is interesting. That it was held in the month of Mārgašīrsha is stated in l. 11 of grant A. Rao Bahadur K. N. Dikshit informs that the occurrence of a special festival in the bright fortnight of Mārgašīrsha is a peculiar feature in some parts of the Marāṭhā country. Thus among the Brāhmaṇas of Nāsik and Ahmadnagar there is a regular Nararātra festival in this month just as there is the usual festival in the month of Āśrina celebrated all over India. The sixth day of the fortnight is called Champā-shashṭhā which is particularly observed among the Dēšastha Brāhmaṇas. Most of the people above the Ghāts have as their tutelary deity Khaṇḍōba of Jejuri near Poona, to whom Champā-shashṭhā is sacred. Khaṇḍōba is a peculiar deity, perhaps originally equivalent to Skanda, but having quite independent characteristics such as a dog for a rāhana. It is very likely that the fair or festival referred to above dates back to the time of the present inscription.

The following localities are mentioned in grant A: Gōparāshṭra, Pūrva-Trikūṭa. Āmrarājī, Mairikā, Mahāgirihāra, Palla Āḍhamba[ka], Jayapura, Jayagrāma, Ambē-Avangaṇa, Pālittapāṭaka, Kōkilākshaka, Kalahaka, Mradgāhitaka³,

<sup>1</sup> See J. B. B. R. A. S., Vol. XVI, p. 5.

<sup>2</sup> Above, Vol. II, pp. 23 f.

<sup>\* [</sup>See below p. 232, n. 2.—Ed ]

Kshēmagiraka, Ānnagrāma and Kallivana. The first six are stated to be rishayas or territorial divisions. The approximate situation of Gōparāshṭra can be known from the mention in the Nirpan plates referred to above, of a village named Balēgrāma as situated in the Gōparāshṭra-rishaya. Balēgrāma is no doubt to be identified with modern Belgaum-Taralha in the Igatpuri Taluka of the Nāsik District. Jayapura, where the temple of Nārāyaṇa was situated, may be Jarvad Budrukh. 10 miles south-west of Anjaneri. Jayagrāma may be Jaikheda in the Dindori Taluka. Ambē-Avaṅgaṇa is Ambegaon, about 23 miles north-west of Nāsik; Kalahaka may be Kokangaon. 2 miles south-east of Jaikheda and Mradgāhitaka. Maganpara, 5 miles north-west of Jaikheda. Kallivana is undoubtedly Kalvan in the Nāsik District, which is also mentioned in some other grants of the period.

The localities mentioned in grant B are Samagiripaţţana, Chandrapurī, Ambayapallikā, Savāṇēyapallikā, Maurēyapallikā and Karhsāripallikā, Samagiripaṭṭana cannot now be traced, but it was probably situated near Chandrapurī with which it is coupled in the present grant, and which is probably identical with Chandrachi Met. 12 miles south-west of Anjaneri. Savāṇēyapallikā may be Samundi. 5 miles north-east and Karhsāripallikā may be Karholi or Karohavadi. 6 and 7 miles respectively east of Chandrachi Met. Maurēyapallikā may be Morwadi. 3 miles south-west of Nāsik<sup>1</sup>.

### Grant A.

### TEXT.

# First Plate.

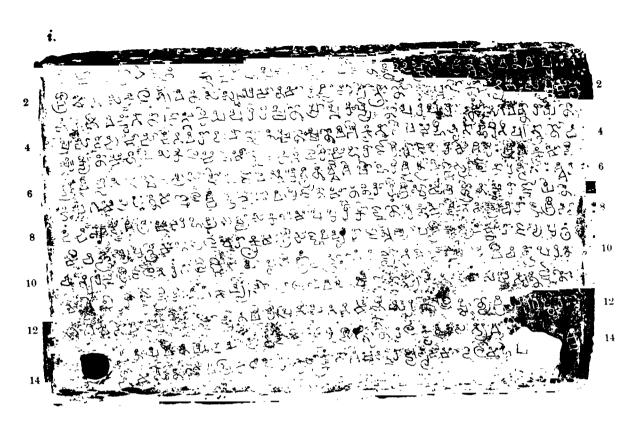
- 1 श्रीं [।\*] जयत्याविष्कृतं विष्णीर्व्वाराहं चीभितार्ग्यवं(वम्) [।\*] दिच्णीव्रतदंष्ट्राग्रविश्वा-न्तभुवनं वपु: [॥] [१\*]
- 2 श्रीमतां मकलभुवनमंस्तृयमानमानव्यसगीचाणां मप्तलीकमात्रभिः मप्तमात्र-
- 3 भिरभिवर्षितानां । कार्त्तिकयपरिरचणप्राप्तकल्याणपरंपराणां भगवन्नारायण-
- 4 प्रसादसमासादितवराइलाञ्कर्नचणचणवशीक्षताशिषमहीस्तां हारीतीपुचाणां च-
- 5 लुक्यानामन्वयं सकलमहीमण्डलैकतिलकी महाराजाधिराजपरमेखाः श्रीविक्मादि-
- 6 त्यवन्नभग्तत्पादप्रमादीपजीवी खपुचनिर्व्विभेषी हरिश्वन्द्रवङ्गस्यानंकारभृतः(त) आहर-
- 7 दुपगमप्रमन्नमण्डलश्चन्द्रमा दव प्रजानामानन्दकारी श्रीखामिचन्द्री नाम राजा येने-
- 8 दं चतुर्दशयाममङ्म्ममंग्थं मकलमपि पुरीकीङ्गणं भुक्तमामीत् [।\*<sup>‡</sup> तस्य च राच्च[:\*] श्रीस्वा-

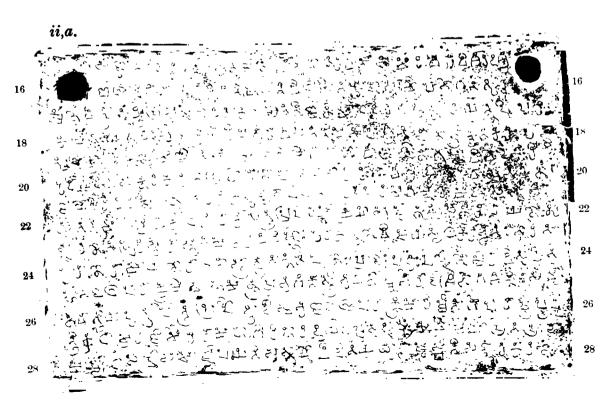
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> We have to thank Prof. V. V. Mirashi of the Nagpur University for suggesting the identification of most of the place names mentioned in the grants and also for making some valuable suggestions in the preparation of this article.

<sup>2</sup> Expressed by a symbol.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Danda unnecessary.

Two Grants of Prithivichandra Bhogasakti. (1).
Grant A.





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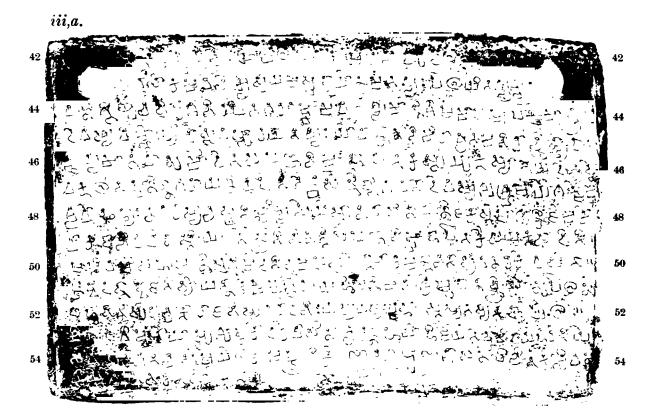
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- 9 मिचन्द्रस्य पुत्ती महाबलपगक्रमः श्रीमिङ्(मिङ्)वर्मागजस्तस्यापि श्रीमिङ्(सिङ्)वर्मा-राजस्य पुत्त[:]
- 10 चतुरुद्धिजनतरंगालिङ्गितायां पृथिव्यां चन्द्र इव विख्याततंजा: पृथिवीचन्द्रापरना-
- 11 मर्चयी राजा श्रीभीगश्रक्तिर्योमी बाल एव पूर्वजन्माभ्यामेन खय ममृत्पन्नज्ञानी
- 12 भगवती वासुदेवस्यार्चनविधि प्रति मततमभियुक्ती ब्रह्मख्यस युधिष्ठिर इ-
- 13 व नयविनयदयादानदाचिष्यादिभिर्मगुषैरलंकतः मत्यवादी च
- 14 भीमसेन दव प्रकटपराक्रमाक्रांताशिषखराज्यभूमिमग्डली महाब[ल] ख

Second Plate; First Side.

- 15 ऋर्जन दव जनाईनज्ञानीपदेशानुवर्त्ती समरविधिविशारदश्व
- 16 बल्देव इव नृत्तगीतह्मितविल्मितक्रीडासुखीपभीगतत्परः
- 17 च्लां विक्तांतस प्रद्यम इव सकलयुवितजनमनी इरं वपुर्वारयमि पर-
- 18 कलचनिस्प्रहः वनवारणयूथाधिपतिरिव मततमभिप्रवृत्तदानार्द्रीकृतकरः पद्मी-
- 19 त्यलकुमुद्रषण्डमिण्डित: स्वादूदको जलाशय इव प्राणिनां त्रणाविच्छेदकारी
- 20 उदितदिवसकरिकरणप्रवीधिती महापद्माकर इव श्रियी निवासभवनं
- 21 जल्धिरव रच्चितस्थितिरनेकभूभृत्पालनपरः परमगभीरी महासल(ख)स
- 22 मततमव देवजुन्तराकमत्त्रप्रपाधर्माक्रियानुष्ठानव्यमनी नागयणानु-
- .23 स्मरणतत्परस्र । कीस्तुभमणिरिव विश्णीः पुरीकीङ्गणविषयस्यालंकारभूतः भारत-
- 24 पुराग्रामायग्राजशास्त्रार्खतत्त्वनिपुगः प्राज्ञः पटुः पग्डितो मधावी अप्रति-
- 25 इतबलपराक्रुमोत्साइमन्त्रप्रभुश्तिस्त्रिभुवनाङ्गुशी राजा श्रीभागर्शातः मर्व्वा-
- 26 नवात्सीयपुत्रपीत्त्रप्रपीत्रादीं स्त्रभुजवलपगकुमाधिष्ठतां गीपग्रष्टपूर्व्व-
- 27 चिकूटास्त्राजीमैरिकामहागिरिहारद्वयपत्त्रत्राटस्वकविषया . . . . . .
- 28 मर्थ्यादां(दान्) सब्बें।(र्व्वान्) समाज्ञापयित श्रस्तु वी विदितं यथा सृष्टिस्थितिसङ्का-(मंहा)रकारणं

<sup>1</sup> Danda unnecessary.

<sup>2</sup> Read -prapauttr-ādīn.

<sup>5</sup> Read odhishthitan.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> [Reading seems to be  $Pallu\bar{u}dhambaka-vishay\bar{u}m(y\bar{u}n)$   $Pr\bar{c}tahrad\bar{u}-maryy\bar{u}d\bar{u}m(d\bar{u}n)$ . In 1. 39 the first name is read as  $Pall\bar{u}dhamba$ .—Ed.]

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- 29 देवातिदेवं सुरासुरगुरुं भगवंतं वासुदेवं मुक्का नान्धा विशिष्टदेवतास्ती-
- 30 ति मला जयपुरे भीगेष्वरप्रतिष्ठिताय पुराणपुरुषाय परमात्मने भगव-
- 31 ते नारायणाय गन्धपुष्पभूपदीपसन्मा(मा)र्ज्जनीपलेपनिकृयार्खं नृत्तगीतवादी-
- 32 पेतसंगीतकार्स्य सचार्स्य खण्डम्फुटितमंस्कारार्स्य च [1] मातापिचारात्मनश्च पुण्य-
- 33 ब्रुडिये श्रष्टी ग्रामा श्रादानानि च प्रतिपादितानि [1] तेषास्रामानि जयग्राम: श्रम्बे-
- 34 त्रवङ्गणं [1] पालित्तपाटकः कीकिलाचकं कलहकः स्रद्राहितकः चेस-
- 35 गिरक: श्रात्रयामश्र [।] श्रादानानि [।] श्रापणिषु श्रावारा: करणे कीवेरं [।] सार्ख्यविष्ठिषु
- 36 प्रवेश निर्माम च प्रत्येकं रूपक: देवस्य याचीत्सवे दातव्यं [1] गीपराष्ट्रास्त्रराजीसै-
- 38 ष्वपि ग्रामेषु [i] पूर्व्वित्रकूटविषये क्षणाराजरूपक्रशतं १०० [i] महागिरिहारे श्रपर
- 39 क्रियाराजरूपक्रमतदयं २०० पूर्वे मतं १०० पद्भूटम्बिविषये क्रियाराजरूपका[:] पञ्चामत् ५०
- 40 ये चाष्टी ग्रामास्ते मर्व्वादानविष्टिप्रातिभेदिकापरिहीणाः ग्रचाटभटप्रवेश्याः
- 41 अभ्यंतरसिंडिका: आचन्द्राक्कार्स्यविचितिस्थितिसमकालीना: य-

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- 42 तस्तस्मादस्मदंश्यैः प्रबलपवनप्रेरितीद्धिजलतरंगचंचलं
- 43 जीवलीकमवलीका श्रयमस्मदायीनुमंतव्यः पालयितव्यश्च [1]
- 44 विणिग्भि≻पंचिभिईशभिरिप नगरधर्मामवलंब्य मार्गाशीर्षमासस्य पच्चमा सं
- 45 देवस्य विश्णीर्थाचीत्मावसमारियतव्यः [।\*] यी वाज्ञानितिमरावृतमितराच्छिन्छाटा-
- 46 च्छिदामानं वानुमोदित स पश्चभिमीहापातकैसांयुक्त[:\*] स्थात् [।\*] यदितहे-

A figure of a boar is engraved here.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> [Reading seems to be *Mudgā*°.—Ed.]

<sup>\* [</sup>Reading is mūţakah. See below p. 235, n. 3.—Ed.]

- 47 वकुलं तद्दणिङ्गराय निरूपितं तैश्व सर्व्वर्क्भगवती देवस्य ग्रुश्रृषा यीगचेम-
- 48 श्व वीढव्य: [1\*] नगरस्य च स्थितिर्ज्ञिस्यति [1] ये स्थानवामिनो वाण्जिकास्तेषां ग्रस्कं जैमकी
- 49 वा कदाचिदिप नास्ति । य एतां स्थितिं भिनित्त म पञ्चभिमीज्ञापातकै[:\*] मंयुक्त[:\*] स्थादिति ।
- 50 षष्टिं वर्षसहस्राणि स्वर्गो मीदित भूमिदः [।\*] श्राच्छेत्ता चानुमन्ता च तान्धेव नरके वसेत् ॥ [२\*]
- 51 पूर्वदत्तां दिजातिस्था यत्नाद्रत्त युधि छिर । महीं मितमतां श्रेष्ठ दानाच्छेयीनुपा-लनं(नम्) [॥] [३\*]
- 52 बहुभिर्व्वसुधा भुक्ता राजभिस्मगरादिभि: [।\*] यस्य यस्य यदा भृमिस्तस्य तस्य तदा फलं(लम्) ॥[४\*]
- 53 विध्याटवीष्वतीयासु ग्रुष्ककोटरवासिन: [। $^*$ ] क्वणाइयी हि जायंते भूमिदायं इरंति ये ॥[५ $^*$ ]
- 54 संवत्सरग्रतचतुष्टये एकषष्ट्यधिकं ४०० ६० १ ग्रामनं लिखितं कन्निवन-
- 55 वास्तव्येन भरतस्वामिना ॥

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# Inscription of Tējavarman.

- 1 म्रीं स्वस्ति स्रीतंजवर्माराज्ञा(राजेन) जयपुरस्य दिचणायां(णस्यां)
- 2 दिशि पालित्तपाटको गीप्रचारी मुक्त: [।\*] तस्य च प्र-
- 3 माणं चतुर्दिच्च दुर्गादिवि(वी)महिता[:\*| शैलिमा गावी स्थापिता[:।\*] मीम-
- 4 स्व<sup>3</sup> तदेव प्रमा<sup>4</sup>णं [।\*] तस्य गीप्रचारस्यार्खे भोगेश्वरदेवस्य भूमिनि-
- 5 ष्ट्रायार्खं जयपुरवणिङ्गागरस्य रूपकणतं दत्तं तस्य च रूपक
- 6 ग्रतस्य द्विः गुग्गुलमूखं भीगेष्वरदेवस्य वर्षप्रतिवर्षे
- 7 नगरेण यावदाचन्द्रार्कतारकं दातव्यं यी वास्या-
- 8 न्यथा कर्ष्यति<sup>6</sup> स पञ्चभिर्माज्ञापातकैसांयुक्ती भ-
- 9 विष्यति ॥

3 Read sīmnah or sīmāyāh.

<sup>1</sup> Dhi which was first omitted is written below the line in smaller character.

<sup>\*</sup> Expressed by a symbol.

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<sup>•</sup> Mā which was at first omitted, is written below this line.

<sup>5</sup> Tam was at first omitted and then written below the line.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Read karishyati.

### TRANSLATION.

(Verse 1) Om. Victorious is the form of Vishnu manifesting itself as the boar, which troubled the ocean and which had the earth resting upon the tip of its up-lifted right tusk.

(1.1.2-6) In the family of the illustrious **Chalukyas** who belong to the Mānavya gōtra praised over the whole world; who have been nourished by the seven mothers, the mothers of the seven worlds; who have attained an uninterrupted continuation of prosperity through the protection of (the qod) Kārttikēya; who subjugated all the kings in an instant at (their having) a sight of the boar-insignia which was acquired through the favour of the lord Nārāyaṇa; and who are the descendants of Hārītī—(was born) the Mahārājādhirāja Paramēścara, the illustrious Vikramāditya Vallabha, the sole forehead mark (tīlaha) of the whole earth.

(Ll 6-28) Living upon the favour of his (Vikramāditya's) feet and being unto him like his own son, was the illustrious king named Svāmichandra, who was an ornament of the Harischandra family, who delighted his subjects like the autumnal bright full moon and who enjoyed (the possession of) the entire Puri-konkana consisting of fourteen thousand villages. The son of this king Svāmichandra was the illustrious king Simhavarman, who was great in strength and prowess. And this illustrious king Simhavarman's son was the illustrious king Bhōgaśakti also known as Prithivīchandra whose glory like that of the moon is resplendent on the earth embraced by the waves of the four oceans; who even as a child, was imbued with inborn knowledge acquired by constant application in his previous births; who is ever engaged in the worship of the god Vāsudēva, and is well versed in the sacred lore: who like Yudhishthira is adorned with the virtues such as justice, modesty, compassion, charity, courtesy, etc., and is also truthful; who like Bhīmasēna is a great hero and has tilled the circle of his entire kingdom by his manifest prowess; who like Arjuna is adept in the art of war and is a follower of the teachings of Kiishna; who like Baladeva is given to the enjoyment of dance, music, merrymaking, flirtation and sports and (at the same time) would be heroic in a moment; who, though endowed like Pradyumna with a physique which attracted the hearts of all damsels. has no desire for the wives of others; whose (right) hand, like the trunk of the leader of wild elephants wet with the incessant flow of ichor, is moistened on account of his being constantly engaged in performing charities, who quenches the thirst of beings like a pond of sweet water adorned by multitudes of lotuses and lilies; who is the abode of splendour like a large tank of lotuses blossomed by the rays of the rising sun; who like the ocean is steadfast, is the protector of numerous kings and is profound and noble as the ocean is used to keep within its boundary, protects numerous mountains (in its depth), is profound in depth and contains large (aquatic) animals; who is ever eager to perform acts of charity such as (the construction and endoument of) temples, tanks, free kitchen and water stalls: who is given to the contemplation of Nārāyaṇa; who is the ornament of the Purī-kōnkaṇa vishaga as the Kaustukha gem is of Vishņu; who is skilled in (ascertaining) the real import of the Mahābhārata, the Purānus, the Rāmāyana and in king-craft; who is wise, sagacious, learned and intelligent; who is endowed with irresistible strength, valour and (the attributes of) utsāhašakti, prabhušakti and mantrašakti; who is the goad of the three worlds (Tribharanāika'sa)—the same illustrious king Bhōgaśakti commands all his sons, grandsons, great-grandsons, etc., placed in charge of the vishayas of Goparāshtra, eastern Trikūta, Āmrarājī, Mairikā, two Mahāgirihāras and Palla Ādhamba-[ka] which have been acquired by the prowess of his arms (and all others)2:

<sup>1</sup> If kshanam is taken in the sense of happiness then this phrase might be translated as " who had conquered (i.e., acquired complete possession of) happiness."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>[I would translate II. 25-28 as follows:— Bhōgašaktı commands all his sons, etc., and all the districts of Gōparāshtra, etc., upto the boundary of Prētahradā, which were conquered by the prowess of his own arms and courage '.—Ed.]

(Ll. 28-49) "Be it known to you that having recognised that no other pre-eniment derty excepting the god Vāsudēva who is the cause of creation, preservation and destruction, who is the supreme god, and who is the god of gods and demons, I have made to the god Nārāvana, the Primeval Being and the supreme spirit, installed by **Bhōgēśvara** in (the town of) **Jayapura**, in order to augment the merits of my parents and myself, an endowment of eight villages together with the taxes thereof so as to provide (at the temple) for perfume, flowers, incense, light, ablutions and unguents and also for dance, vocal and instrumental music, free kitchen, repairs and upkeep. The names of these (villages) are Jayagrāma, Ambē-Avangana, Pālittapātaka, Kōkilākshaka, Kalahaka, Mradgāhitaka, Kshēmagiraka and Ānnagrāma. As to the taxes, the stall tax is to be levied in the market places, a rupec each is to be paid on the occasion of the god's yātrā at the entry and exit of each caravan of merchandise. Mutakasi (handfuls) of corn and Sētikāsi of ghee are to be levied from (every house in) the principal village of each of the vishayus of Göparāshtra. Āmrarājī and Mairikā, and in like manner from other villages too.3 (Taxes to be collected in cash are) 100 one hundred Krishnarāja rupees from the vishaya of eastern Trikūta; 200 two hundred Krishyarāja rupees from the western Mahāgirihāra and 100 one hundred from the eastern one; and 50 fifty Krishnarāja rupees from the rishaya of Pallūdhamba. (In consideration of the above) these eight villages have been exempted from all kinds of taxes, forced labour and vexatious interference; they are not to be entered by the regular or irregular troops (and) they are to enjoy rights over wealth underground. This grant shall last as long as the moon, the sun, the oceans and the earth endure. Therefore, viewing the world as unsteady as the wayes of the sea ruffled by a strong wind, this grant of ours is to be upheld and maintained by our descendants. The yatra festival of the god Vishnu should be arranged by (a committee of) five or ten merchants for a whole fortnight in the month of Margusirsha in accordance with the established custom of the town. Whoever, blinded by the darkness of ignorance, shall confiscate or assent to confiscation (of the quant) he shall be guilty of the five great sins. Since this temple has been entrusted to (the care of) the town merchants, on them shall devolve the proper worship and service of the divine Lord. And the following town convention is laid down. The local merchants shall, for ever, be immune from customs duties and feeding expenses (of officers on duty). Whoever shall violate this convention, shall be guilty of the five great sins."

(Ll. 50-53) [Here are four of the usual imprecatory verses.]

This grant was written by **Bharatasvāmin**, an inhabitant of **Kallivana in the year 461** (expressed both in words and in figures).

### Inscription of Tejavarman.

(Ll. 1-9) Om hail. The king **Tējavarman** has given a free grazing ground (within the limits of the village) **Pālittapāṭaka** situated to the south of **Jayapura**. For the demarcation thereof along with (the temple of) the goddess Durgā stone sculptures of cows have been set up on all four sides. That is the measure of its extent. In order to compensate for the land belonging to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This term is still used in Mahārāshtra.

<sup>2</sup> Might be a small measure such as a ladie or a derivative from Suktikū or mother-of-pearl.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> [I would translate the passage as follows:—'One load (of corn) and one sētikā of ghee from the principal village of the districts of Göparāshtra, etc., and in the same proportion from the other villages also.' I would connect mūtaka, which seems to be the reading here, with the word muta or mōta (Hindi moth) meaning a bundle or 'provision bag'. Sētikā is apparently connected with sētakā of the Purāṇas which is equivalent to 4 pulus or approximately 14 tolas. See Edward Thomas—Ancient Indian Weights, p. 26. I am, however, unable to suggest any meaning for kōrēra in 1, 35.—Ed.]

Bhōgēśvaradēva now converted into a pasture, one hundred rupees have been deposited with the merchant guild of Jayapura. And from the interest of this one hundred rupees should be met, year after year, the cost of guggula for the (worship of the) god Bhōgēśvara until the sun, moon and stars endure. Whosoever shall interfere with this shall be possessed with the five great sins.

### Grant B.

### TEXT.

### First Plate.

- श्री अवार्याविष्कृतं विश्णोर्वाराहं चीभिततार्सवं(वम्) [।\*] दिच्णीवत[दं]ष्ट्राय-
- 2 विद्यान्तभुवनं वपु:  $\llbracket \mathfrak{n}\mathfrak{k}^* 
  brace$  श्रीमतां मकलभुवनसंस्तृयमानमानमान $^2$ -
- 3 व्यसगोत्राणां मप्तलीकमाल्यभिस्त्रप्तमाल्यभिरिमवर्षितानां कार्त्तिक-
- 4 यपरिरच्चणप्राप्तकल्याणपरंपराणां भगवन्नारायणप्रसादस-
- 5 मासादितवगङ्गांछनेचगचग्वशीक्षताशिषमङीस्तां हारीतीपुत्ता-
- 6 vां चलुक्यानामन्वये मकलमहीम**ण्ड**लैकतिलको महाराजाधिराजपर-
- 7 मेम्बरश्रीविक्रमादित्यवन्नभस्तत्पादप्रसादीपजीवी स्वपुत्रनिर्व्विभेषी
- 8 इरियन्द्रवंगस्थालंकारभूतः ग्ररदुपगमप्रसन्नमण्डलयन्द्रमा इव प्र-
- 9 जानामानन्दकारी श्रीखामिचन्द्री नाम राजा येनेदं चतुर्दशयामसङ्घ-
- 10 संख्यं सकलम्(म)पि पुरीकोंकणं भुक्तमासीत् [।\*] तस्य च राज्ञ: श्रीखामि-चंदस्य
- 11 पुत्री महाबलपराकुम[:\*] श्रीसिङ्क(मिंह)वर्माराजस्तस्थापि श्रीसिङ्क(सिंह)वर्माराजस्य
- 12 पुच्च बतुरुद्धिजलतरंगालिंगितायां पृथिव्यां चन्द्र इव

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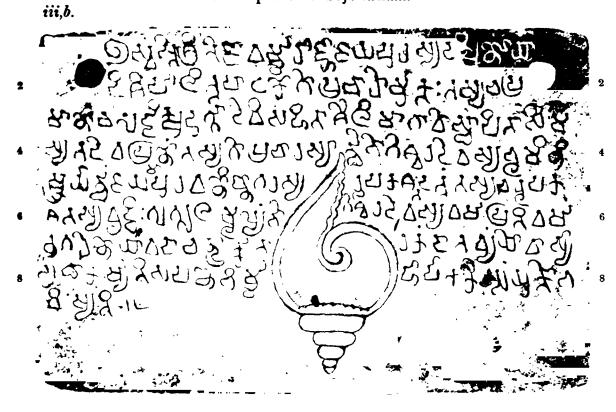
- 13 विख्याततेजा[:\*] पृथिवीचन्द्रापरनामधेयी राजा श्रीभीगग्रातिः योसी बाल
- 14 एव पूर्वजन्माभ्यासेन स्वयं समृत्यन्नज्ञानी भगवती वासुदेवस्थार्ज्ञनिव-
- 15 घिं प्रति सततमभियुक्ती ब्रह्मख्यश्च युधिष्ठिर इव नयविनयदयादानदाचि-
- 16 खादिभि[र्गु] णैरलंक्षतसात्यवादी च भीमसेन दव प्रकटपराक्रमाक्रान्ताशिषस्वरा-
- 17 ज्यभूमिमंडली महाबलश्व त्रर्जुन इव जनाईनज्ञानीपदेशवर्त्ती समरविधिविशा-
- 18 रदश्व बलदेव इव नृत्तगीतहसितविलसितक्रीडासुखीपभीगतत्पर: चणं वि-
- 19 क्रांतस प्रद्युम्न इव सकलयुवितजनमनीहरं वपुर्वास्यत्रिप परकलस्त्रीन-
- 20 स्मृह: वनवारण्यूथाधिपतिरिव सततमभिप्रष्टत्तदानार्द्रीकृतकर: पद्मी[त्यल]-

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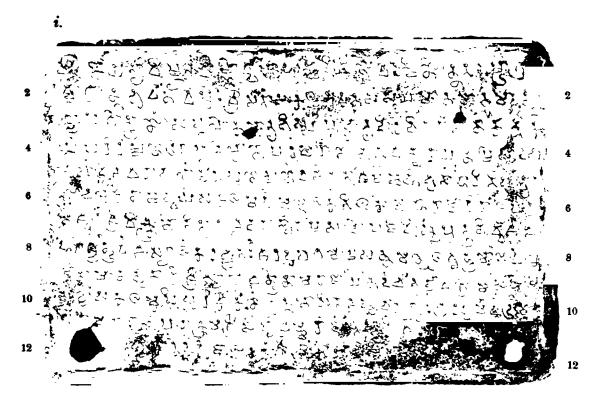
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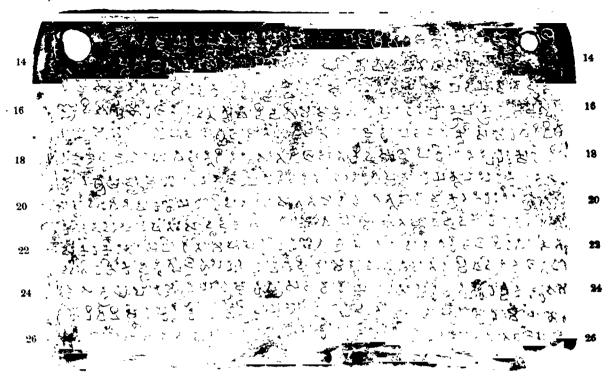
# Two Grants of Prithivichandra Bhogasakti. (II).

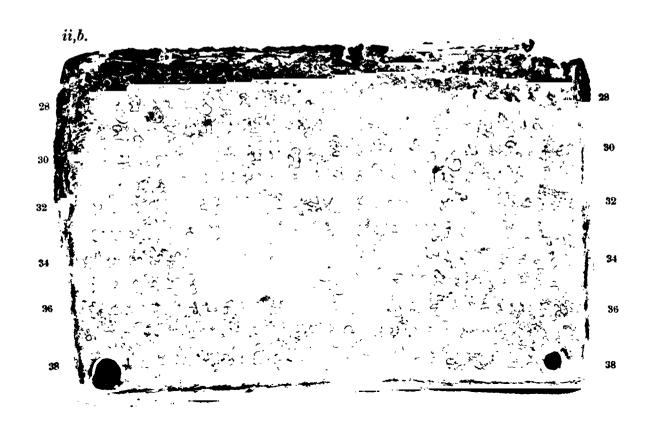
# Inscription of Tejavarman.



Grant B.







- 21 [क्ं(कु)]मुदषंडमंडित: स्वादूदकी जलाशय इव प्राणिनां त्रणाविच्छेदकारी उदितदिव-
- 22 सकर्रकरणप्रवीधितो महापद्माकर इव श्रियो निवासभवनं जलवि(धि)रिव रच्चित-
- 23 स्थितिरनेकभूभृत्पालनपर: परमगंभीरी महासत्व(त्त्व)श्व सततमेव देवकुलतटा-
- 24 कसन्त्रप्रपाधर्माक्रियानुष्ठानव्यसनी नारायणानुस्नरणतत्परश्च कीस्तुभम-
- 25 णिरिव विष्णी: पुरीकींकणविषयस्थालंकारभृत: भारतपुराणरामायण-
- 26 राजशास्त्रार्खतत्व(त्व)निपृण: प्राज्ञ: पटु: पण्डिती मेधावी अप्रतिहतबलपरा-

Second Plate; Second Side.

- 27 [क् मो]त्साहमन्त्रप्रभूशितस्त्रिभुवन[ाङ्गुशी] [राजा भीगशिततः मर्व्वानेवात्मी\*]-1
- 28 यपुचरोच्चप्रपाचादीं(दीन्) विषयपतियामभीगिकम[इ]त्तरा[दीं(दीन्) समाचापय]-2
- 29 ति विदितमस्तु वी यथा पूर्व्वमुत्सादितं [म]मगिरिपदृनं चन्द्रपुरीमिह्[तं]
- 30 |ग्र\*]म्बय<sup>3</sup>पन्निकास[वा]णयपन्निकामीरयपन्निकान्त्रयसहितं कंसा-
- 31 रिपक्षिका च मया समावासितं एलश्रेष्ठिकरपुटश्रेष्ठिप्रमुख-
- 32 समस्तनगरस्य दत्तं समगिरिवास्तव्यानां विणजां चन्द्रार्क्कवालिकं ग्रलकमादी(दे)-
- 33 यं समस्तराज्ये नास्ति [।\*] ऋपरं च ऋपुचधनं द्वा(ना)स्ति उम्बरभेद[:] राजपुरुषा-
- 34 णामावासकी जैमकश्व एतन्नास्ति [।\*] कुमारीसाइसे रूपकाणामष्टीत्तर-
- 35 ग्रतं । संग्रह<sup>!</sup>ण द्वाचिंग्रतिरूपकाः कर्म्यचीडणिकायां षीडम रूपकाः प्रिर-
- 36 स्कीटर्न चत्वारि रूपका: भारिकायां विणक्पुत्रस्थाष्टीत्तरम्रतं रूपकाणां
- 37 नक्के ग्रहीतस्य यचाष्टी षोडम वा नगरमहत्त्वना विचार्य्य वरंत तरं $^{5}$
- 38 तदेव प्रमाणं [॥\*] श्रीतेजवर्धाराजन एतदनुष्ठितमिति ।

#### TRANSLATION.

(Ll. 1-28) [Common with Grant A.]

(Ll. 29-38) "Be it known to you that the deserted lands comprised within the township of Samagiri along with Chandrapuri and the three hamlets of Ambayapallikā, Savāņēyapallikā and Maurēyapallikā as well as Kamsāripallikā have been recolonised by me and vested in the town council headed by the merchants Ela and Karapura. The merchants residing in Samagiri (pattana) shall, for ever, be exempt from the payment of custom duties throughout the kingdom; their property shall not escheat to the state in the absence of a male heir; nor (shall they pay registration fee) owing to partition of joint property and they shall not have to provide

<sup>1</sup> This portion within square brackets is completely effaced and the reading is restored from Grant A.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This portion within square brackets is badly corroded and hardly any letter is visible.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> [Reading seems to be [A]mmēya.—Ed.]

<sup>4</sup> Ha is written below the line.

<sup>5</sup> Tadē is redundant.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> [See above, n. 3.—Ed.]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Rao Bahadur K. N. Dikshit informs me that umbara (derived from 8kt. ndumbara) wood is still used for the door sill in Mahārāshtra and that therefore the sense is partition of the joint family property.

accommodation or provisions to the state officials. (The town council is also empowered to levy the following fines:—) Rupees one hundred and eight for outraging the modesty of a virgin; rupees thrity-two for adultery; rupees sixteen for the mutilation of ear; rupees four for bruising the head: rupees one hundred and eight if a merchant's son is found to have illicit connection with a female porter; and should one be caught in the actual act of adultery whatever eight or sixteen elders of the town council shall determine that shall be final. This has been promulgated by the illustrious king Tējavarman.

# No. 23.—A NOTE ON THE RAGOLU PLATES OF SAKTIVARMAN AND THE CHALUKYAN CONQUEST OF KALINGA.

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The inscription on these plates has been published by Dr. Hultzsch in *Epigraphia Indica*. Vol. XII. pages 1 ff. In the spring of 1922, when I happened to visit Jeypore (Vizagapatam District. Madras Presidency). the owner of the plates. M. R. Ry. G. Ramdas Pantulu, B.A.. offered them for sale to the Government. They have been subsequently bought and deposited in the Government Museum, Madras.

One important point to note in connection with this record is that in line 4 Dr. Hultzsch reads samanvägatän-tahapatitän. I may suggest that a more correct reading would be samanvāgatān=grihapatikān. This could be read clearly on the original plates and the facsimile plate given also shows the reading. It may be noted that in this inscription the subscript letter tu has the shape of an inverted narrow cup with unequal arms and carries with it a small upward stroke in the centre of the top with which it is joined to the main letter. For example, see the letters sta in the expression parihritas=ta° in l. 10, tta in -prarrittayā in line 11 and nta in the expression ch=ānumantā in 1. 20. On the other hand, the subscript letter ga being of the same shape is broader and has equal arms unlike ta. Moreover, ga generally bears no stroke on the top though in a few cases when it is attached to the main letter above, such a stroke is formed by the upward extension of the proper left arm; see Kalingādhipati (l. 1), Kalinga-vishayē (l. 3). and srarqqē (1. 19). The sign for re of gri is partly damaged in the facsimile plate. It is likely that being close to the slightly raised margin, it has not come off clearly enough in the ink impression. But it is not totally invisible on the facsimile plate. The existing traces may be compared with that of vri in vriddhaye in l. 6 and that of hri in parihrita in l. 10. As for the letter ka of the expression it is quite clear on the facsimile plate as well as on the original. The suggested reading suits the context much better than the existing one with the proposed emendation.

The word grihapati or grihapatika ('a householder') occurs in many Prākrit inscriptions as the attribute of a donor or a relative of a donor under the Prākrit form gahapati or gahapatika. In one or two cases kudubika (Sanskrit kuṭumbika) v.e. householder and kuṭumbinī (wife of a householder) are also mentioned. In the Eastern Chāļukya copper-plates the royal order of gift is invariably addressed to the kuṭumbins of the granted village, to whom the grihapatikas of the Rāgōlu plates correspond.

It is interesting to note that the grant was issued by the early king Saktivarman of the Kalmga country from Pishtapura which was also famous as the capital of king Mahēndra whom Samudragupta conquered with many other kings of the Dakshiṇāpatha. Barring this, the men-

<sup>1</sup> Luders' List of Brahmi Inscriptions (above , Vol. X, Appendix) and above. Vol. XIV, pp. 154 and 155.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Luders' List, Nos. 1121 and 1127.

tion of the place in the Rāgōlu plates would be the earliest and the first in a copper-plate record in point of time which, judging from the characters of the plates, may be said to be about the 4th century A.D. The late Rao Bahadur Krishna Sastri was of the opinion that it was even earlier—some time even prior to Samudragupta. The subsequent mention of the place is in the Aihole inscription of the early Chālukya king, Puhkōśin II, which refers to the Chālukya capture of Pishṭapura, i.e., the Chālukya conquest of the Kalinga country. These events must have happened before Šaka 556 (=A.D. 634-35) which is the date of the last mentioned inscription. It is therefore reasonable to infer that the Chālukya conquest of Kalinga by the capture of Pishṭapura, must have happened in or before the year A.D. 634. Pishṭapura subsequently became the provincial or independent seat (rāsaka) of Vishquvardhana who, with the title Mahārāja, issued the Timmāpuram plates from this city.<sup>2</sup> This record with the Chāpurupalle plates of this same king issued in his 18th regnal year³ would tend to show that the Kalinga country was under the Eastern Chālukyas from this period.

The discovery of the copper-plate inscriptions of the later kings of the Eastern Chāļukya dynasty, rz., Kokkilivarma-Mahārāja (A.D. 709) so far north as the village Munjēru in the Bimlipatam Taluk of the Vizagapatam District, the mention therein of the Madhyama-Kalinga country in which the village granted by the king was situated, together with the mention of Elamañchili (the modern Yellamañchili in the Sarvasiddhi Taluk of the same District) as the vāsaka (residence) of the king4 show that the Chāļukya dominion in the Kalinga country continued to last even up to the beginning of the eighth century A.D. In the same tract of country has been found a copper-plate grant of his son Mangr H5. A grant of the later Chālukya king Bhima I (A.D. 888-918) also records the gift of a village in the Elamanchili-Kalingadeśa and Dēvarāshtra". These records go to prove that the Chāļukya kingdom in the Kalinga country lasted even down to the beginning of the 10th century A.D. The Chalukyan authority here seems to have been opposed for a time after the close of the first quarter of the 10th century A.D., since we are told in an unpublished copper-plate grant of Amma II7 that after the short reign of Vikramādītya II (A.D. 925-926) who was killed and succeeded by Yuddhamalla II whose reign lasted for seven years (i.e., A.D. 927-934), the feudatory Sabara chiefs, the commanders of the Vallabha (i.e. Rāshṭrakūṭa) forces and others rebelled and apportioned among themselves the northern Chāļukyan territory for seven years. We may here infer that the revolution and usurpation in the Kalinga country occurred in and lasted throughout the seven years' rule of Yuddhamalla II. The recalcitrant feudatories and their allies who had usurped authority were driven away by Chālukya-Bhīma II who recovered the Kalniga country and ruled over the entire Chalukya kingdom for 12 years. The troubles in the Kalinga country did not end here but again recurred in the time of Amma II (the son of Chālukya-Bhīma II), who after reigning for 11 years had to proceed to the Kalinga country in wrath against Krishna (probably Rāshtrakūţa Krishna III)8 who was evidently interested in fomenting trouble against the Chalukyas in the Kalinga country. We may conclude that the Chalukya dominion in the Kalinga country practically came to an end or at least grew very weak about or after A.D. 950. Taking A.D. 633 as the probable year of the Chāļukya conquest of Kalinga as stated at first we may say that the Chāļukyan dominion in the Kalinga country lasted roughly for three centuries.

<sup>1</sup> Above, Vol. VI, p. 11.

<sup>3</sup> Ind. Ant., Vol. XX, p. 16.

<sup>4</sup> Madras Epigraphical Report for 1909, p. 105.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Ibid., 1917, p. 117.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Ibid., Vol. IX, p. 317.

o Ibid., p. 106.

<sup>&</sup>quot; Ibid.

### No. 24.—A NOTE ON THE CHRONOLOGY OF THE GANGAS OF SVETAKA.

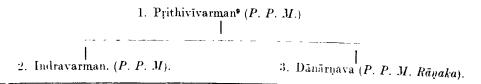
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It has already been pointed out<sup>1</sup> that the Ganga rulers who issued their charters from Śvētaka most probably consitute a separate branch of the Eastern Gangas, but that sufficient data are not yet available for determining the chronology of these kings.<sup>2</sup> In this note an attempt is made to fix the chronological position of at least three of the so far known kings of this branch.

It may readily be recognised that Bhattaputra Durgakhaṇḍin, son of Bhatta Bōdhana, of the Vatsa gōtra and the Chhāndōga charaṇa, the donee in the Badakhimedi copper-plates of Indravarman,³ is identical with Bhatta Durgakhaṇḍika, the donee of Dānārṇava's grant.⁴ coming likewise from the Badakhimedi Estate,⁵ as the name of the donee's father, gōtra and charaṇa in the latter record are the same as in the former. However, the grantor in the first instance is Indravarman, while in the second it is Dānārṇava. Next, it may be observed that both of them are stated to be sons of Prithivīvarman. Since both the records are issued from Śvētaka and in both of them one and the same person figures as the donee, the natural conclusion is that the donors Indravarman and Dānārṇava are not far removed from each other in point of time. And when we further know that the name of the donor's father in each case is the same we can safely infer that both Indravarman and Dānārṇava were brothers and that both of them ruled6 in succession. However, the question remains as to who was the elder or who preceded on the throne. Luckily we possess a piece of evidence to decide this issue as well.

The names of the writer and the engraver of Indravarman's charter are given respectively as Sandhivigrahin Śrīsāmanta and kamsāra-kulaputraka śrēshthin Śrīsāmanta Svayambhu. Both these persons figure likewise as the writer and the engraver respectively in the Ganjām plates of Prithivīvarman. This Prithivīvarman must, therefore, be identical with Indravarman's father, as has been indicated by Mr. P. N. Bhattacharya. The presumption here is naturally this that the persons employed by the father as writer and engraver continued to function as such in the son's regime after the father's death. From this we may also infer that Indravarman was the immediate successor of Prithivīvarman. This inference is confirmed by the fact that the writer and the engraver of Dānārṇava's grant are different persons and not those who served under Prithivīvarman and Indravarman. Thus we may conclude that Indravarman was elder than and preceded Dānārṇava.

This part of the chronology will thus be determined as follows:--



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Above, Vol. XXIV, p. 131.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Ibid., Vol. XXIII. p. 78.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid., Vol. XXIV, p. 129.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> *Ibld.*, p. 133.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid., p. 264.

<sup>6</sup> Both Indravarman and Dānārņava bear, like their father, the imperial title of Paramēśvara-Paramabhaṭṭā-raka-Mahārājādhirāja, though curiously enough Dānārṇava bears an additional title of Rāṇaka, too, which fact makes it rather doubtful whether he came to the throne at all.

<sup>7</sup> Ibid., Vol. IV. p. 201.
8 Ibid., Vol. XXIII, p. 79.
9 He is stated to be son of Mahindravarman, whose identity is not certain.

### No. 25 CHARALA PLATES OF VIRAR MENDRADEVA, SAKA 900

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The present plates' are stated to have been discovered in 1935 by one Xerasa Reddi, a resident of Chārāla in the Punganur taluk of the Chittoor District, while he was the ving earth from a manner-particles garden. The whereabouts of the plates could not however be name diately traced, but with the assistance of Rao Saheh Totalin Architecture Diputy Sapin tread at if Police, who was then be charge of the Tirupati Division, they was the first beautifused as the plate beautifused in the plate of the Superioral decided for Engraphy Madras.

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V sere verseambharádhísair zneanditair;=earacta;ne idape (8). Vásacnna Vinarájóndra-Rájalásairearnananaí (2)

All the plates have writing on both their sides except the first one, which bears eviting or the side only. Each fully written side has, on an average, about 18 lines in the Sanskin portion of 15 in the Tamil, and the complete record consists of 214 lines. The writing is in a good state of preservation. The languages used are Sanskrift for the passast and genealogical preamble of the inscription which is of considerable length running up to 81 numbered verses, and the rain-bha/h/2 Tamil for the documentary portion. The alphabets employed are respectivel. Grantha in Tamil characters attributable to the 11th century A.D. The Grantha letters are well shall and cleanly cut, but the Tamil letters exhibit a slight of elessions in execution.

The inscription engraved on these plates is deted in Saka 991, Saumya and the 7th year of the Chöle king Rājakēsarīvarman Vīrarājēndradēva and iegisters the royal gits of the village Chērām<sup>5</sup> alais Madhurāntaka-chaturvēdimangalam in Puli-nāḍu mad processing saudi pada processing saudi processi

<sup>\*</sup> Registered as C. P. No. 1 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1937-38.

<sup>2</sup> The char 7 and umbrella appear to have been arrealed as 300 come cmb lens. These we also a undoing the top of an inscription of Parantaka Lat Pillaipäkkam (No. 176 of 1926)50 of the Modres Epigrapi of Collection and also on the top of images of gods in niches in early Chöla temples.

This verse is repeated in lines 189-191 of the text.

The Pungamu taluk where the plates were discovered a safe remove between Levistonics, was spoken languages were Kannada, Telugu and Tamil, and inscriptions may'r these languages are found in this locality. Tamil being the court-language of the Chōla kings, the decimentary pour re, which was drafted by a Chōla officer, was concluded in that language.

The form of the name is somewhat peculiar, without the consequence is suffix. Like Buddham, etc.

Kāňchīpuram, to three Brāhmans named Šō(Śrō)triya-Kramavittan, Mandaya-Kramavittan and Pallaya-Kramavittan of the Ātrēya-gōtra and Bahudhānya (Bōdhāyana)-sōtra and of the lineage of a certain Rishīkēśava (Hṛishīkēśa)-Bhaṭṭa of Chērām, on the occasion of the Uttarā-yaṇa-Saṅkrānti. This document is of interest as being the first copper-plate charter of this king.

For a study of Chōla seals! we have so far five specimens and the one attached to the present plates, therefore, forms a useful addition. Of these, the seals attached to the two sets of Leiden plates. Madras Museum. Anbil and the present Chōrōla plates, have the same objects represented on them, while the seal of the Tiruvālaṅgāḍu plates exhibits a few more emblems. In shape, however, the two Leiden seals are slightly more ornate, being lotus-like in shape, while the rest are circular; but this may be due only to a difference in the work of the designer. In the Chōrāla seal the Chōla emblem, the tiger?, is seated in the proper right side and facing towards the left, instead of the right as in the other cases. The animal is delineated with claws drawn out, leaving no room for doubt as to its identity, and the two fish are also clearly portrayed. But in point of finish and neatness of execution, the two Leiden seals are the best. The tiger, the pair of fish and the bow are well-known emblems of the Chōla, Pāṇḍya and Chēra dynasties respectively, and the juxta-

(a) Sundara-Chōla --

Su ścat(d)-11/8cambhacă-nětiam – Lak shmî-juy (-|sa\*|tōruham | Sūsanam – sū ścatam – \$17mad-Rūjakē sacrearmmanu|h\*| –—(Anbil Plates).

(b) Uttama-Chōļa- -

Nyāyānām šāsanam kurvat=šāsanam chakrabhūbhrītā šāsanam bhūpatēr=ētat Parakēsrivarimmanah —(Madras Museum Plates).

(c) Rājarāja I--

A stone record of this king opens with the following verse, which is likely to be found engraved on the seals of his copper-plate grants.

Ētat višra-nripa-šrēne-mauļe-māl-õpalārdam \ sāsanam Rājarājasya Rājakēsaricarmmunah ,

--(8.1.1, Vol. II, No. 1),

(d) Rājēndra-Chōļa --

Rājad-rājanya-makuta-śrēni-ratnēshu śāsanam į ētad -Rājēndra-Chōlasya Parakēsarivarimmanah

-(Tuuvālangādu Plates).

The seal of the larger Leiden plates has also this verse engraved on it. On the analogy of the form of the legend of the present seal which is also reproduced in Il. 189 to 191 of the text and the fact that legends on circular seals have probably to be read clockwise beginning from the centre of the top, the two lines of the verse given above, Vol. XXII, p. 213, have to be interchanged

(e) Kulöttunga-Chöla-

Punyam kshöni svara-sabhā-chūdā-ratnāna šāsanam šrī-Kulöttunga-Chōlasya Rājaki sarrearmmanah —(Smaller Leiden Plates).

Here also the lines of the verse as read in above, Vol. XXII, p. 267, have been interchanged,

It may be noted that king Vîrarājēndra claims to have set up pillars of victory (jaya-bhadrattān) at several places with the emblem of the tiger engraved on them (8, I=I). Vol. III, p=67). The Mahēndraguri inscription of Rājēndra-Chōja I (No. 396 of 1896) has also the figure of a tiger seated in front of two fish carved near it.

¹ The seals of the early copper-plate grants contain only the bounds of kings, such as Tribhovanānkuśa, Vishamasiddhi, Prabhumēru, etc. The three early copper-plate grants of the Pāndyas have no seals, and we do not know what legend, if any, this dynasty had used. The Pallava seal of Nandivarman III (8, I, I., Vol. II, p. 501) has a defaced legend in the Anushhubh metre running round its margin. In the Vijavanagara, Nāyaka and Sētupati copper-plate grants, the respective sign-manuals of the dynasty were engraved at the end of the documents themselves and not on the seals. The Chōla seals, however, have one full verse in the Anushtubh metre engraved on them The formal verses of the four kings Sundara-Chōla, Uttama-Chōla, Rājēndra-Chōla and Kuļōttunga-Chōļa I are reproduced below for purposes of easy reference. Of these, the text of the legend on the seal of the Madras Museum plates of Uttama-Chōla is given here for the first time.

position of the latter two to the tiger on Chōļa seals is meant to indicate the political supremacy of the Chōļa over the Pāṇḍya and Chēra kings. The other objects such as the pair of chaurīs, the two lamps on either side, etc., belong to the group of eight objects called the ashṭamaṇqalam, which are associated with auspicious ceremonials. It may be noted that the full set of ashṭamaṇqalam objects are represented on the seal of the Tiruvālaṇgāḍu plates where, in addition to these, a small figure of the Chāļukyan crest², the boar, is also introduced, indicative perhaps of the Chōļa supremacy over the Chāļukya. Though Vīrarājēndra claims to have defeated the Chāļukya king several times, it is noticed that the Chāļukyan rarāha-lāūchhana has not been figured on the Chārāla seal.

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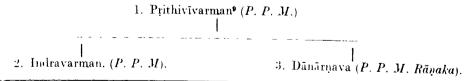
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It has already been pointed out<sup>1</sup> that the Ganga rulers who issued their charters from Śvētaka most probably consitute a separate branch of the Eastern Gangas, but that sufficient data are not yet available for determining the chronology of these kings.<sup>2</sup> In this note an attempt is made to fix the chronological position of at least three of the so far known kings of this branch.

It may readily be recognised that Bhattaputra Durgakhaṇḍin, son of Bhatta Bōdhana, of the Vatsa gōtra and the Chhāndōga charaṇa, the donee in the Badakhimedi copper-plates of Indravarman.³ is identical with Bhatta Durgakhaṇḍika, the donee of Dānārṇava's grant.⁴ coming likewise from the Badakhimedi Estate,⁵ as the name of the donee's father, gōtra and charaṇa in the latter record are the same as in the former. However, the grantor in the first instance is Indravarman, while in the second it is Dānārṇava. Next, it may be observed that both of them are stated to be sons of Prithivīvarman. Since both the records are issued from Śvētaka and in both of them one and the same person figures as the donee, the natural conclusion is that the donors Indravarman and Dānārṇava are not far removed from each other in point of time. And when we further know that the name of the donor's father in each case is the same we can safely infer that both Indravarman and Dānārṇava were brothers and that both of them ruled⁵ in succession. However, the question remains as to who was the elder or who preceded on the throne—Luckily we possess a piece of evidence to decide this issue as well.

The names of the writer and the engraver of Indravarman's charter are given respectively as Saindhirigrahm Śrīsāmanta and kamsāra-kulaputraka śrēshthin Śrīsāmanta Svayambhu. Both these persons figure likewise as the writer and the engraver respectively in the Ganjām plates of Prithivīvarman. This Prithivīvarman must, therefore, be identical with Indravarman's father, as has been indicated by Mr. P. N. Bhattacharya. The presumption here is naturally this that the persons employed by the father as writer and engraver continued to function as such in the son's regime after the father's death. From this we may also infer that Indravarman was the immediate successor of Prithivīvarman. This inference is confirmed by the fact that the writer and the engraver of Dānārṇava's grant are different persons and not those who served under Prithivīvarman and Indravarman. Thus we may conclude that Indravarman was elder than and preceded Dānārṇava.

This part of the chronology will thus be determined as follows:--



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Above, Vol. XXIV, p. 131.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., Vol. XXIII, p. 78.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Ibid., Vol. XXIV, p. 129.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> *Ibld.*, p. 133. <sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 264.

<sup>6</sup> Both Indravarman and Dānārṇava bear, like their father, the imperial title of Paramēśvara-Paramabhatṭā-raka-Mahārājādhirāja, though curiously enough Dānārṇava bears an additional title of Rānaka, too, which fact makes it rather doubtful whether he came to the throne at all.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Ibid., Vol. IV, p. 201. 8 Ibid., Vol. XXIII, p. 79.

<sup>•</sup> He is stated to be son of Mahindravarman, whose identity is not certain,

# No. 25 CHARALA PLATES OF VIRAR MENDRADEVA. SAKA 993

### By A. S. Ramanaha Ayyar, B.A. and V. V. nations during P.A. Wedden.

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<sup>\*</sup> Register data C. P. No. Lot the Madras Entrophy of Collection for 1937-38

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For a study of Chōla seals¹ we have so far five specimens and the one attached to the present plates, therefore, forms a useful addition. Of these, the seals attached to the two sets of Leiden plates, Madras Museum. Anbil and the present Chārāla plates, have the same objects represented on them, while the seal of the Tinuvālaṅgādu plates exhibits a few more emblems. In shape, however, the two Leiden seals are slightly more ornate, being lotus-like in shape, while the rest are circular; but this may be due only to a difference in the work of the designer. In the Chārāla seal the Chōla emblem, the tiger², is seated in the proper right side and facing towards the left, instead of the right as in the other cases. The animal is delineated with claws drawn out, leaving no room for doubt as to its identity, and the two fish are also clearly portraved. But in point of finish and neatness of execution, the two Leiden seals are the best. The tiger, the pair of fish and the bow are well-known emblems of the Chōla, Pāṇḍya and Chēra dynasties respectively, and the juxta-

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Sa'scat(d)-reseambharā-nītram - Lakshmī-jay (4 sa 4 jāraham 3 sāsanam - Sā'scatam - srīmad-Rājakēsarranmana) h\* | --(Anbil Plates).

(b) Uttama-Chōļa

Nyōyōnām šāsanam kurrat≈šāsanam chakrabhābhrītā šāsanam bhūpatēr ētat Parakēs rearmmanah —(Widras Museum Plates).

(c) Rājarāja I—

A stone record of this king opens with the following verse, which is likely to be found engraved on the seals of his copper-plate grants.

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Råyad-råyanya-maknta-sröm-ratnöshu såsanam ( ötad -Råjöndra-Chöfasya Parakösarcvarmmanah ---(Tuuvālangādu Plates).

The scal of the larger Leiden plates has also this verse engraved on it. On the analogy of the form of the legend of the present scal which is also reproduced in II. 189 to 191 of the text and the fact that legends on circular scals have probably to be read clockwise beginning from the centre of the top, the two lines of the verse given above, Vol. XXII. p. 243, have to be interchanged.

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Punyam kshōni sata-sahhā-chūdā-ratni qe sāsanam śrī-Kulōttanga-Chōlasya Rājaki sarri armanach —(Smaller Leiden Plates).

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\* It may be noted that king Vitarājēndra claims to have set up pillars of victory (jaya-bhadraftān) at several places with the emblem of the tiger engraved on them (8, I/I). Vol. 411, p. 67). The Mahēndragiri inscript on of Rājēndra-Chōļa I (No. 396 of 1896) has also the figure of a tiger seated in front of two fish carved near it.

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The regnal year—of the king is quoted as the 7th corresponding to Saka 991, Saumya 1-159-160. The same regnal and Saka years occur also in a record of his from Yogi-Mallavaram

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In this battle several generals lost their layes, but who were the kings of the Karnata vainsa, who are also said to have been shain is not clear. In Ep. Carn., Vol. VII, Sk. 136. Ahavamalla, is described as an enemy of the Karnata kings also. Probably this is a loose description of the panegyrist.

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In addition to this gem, the king presented to the god a pedestal with the name of 'Virararandra' engraved on it—(No. 217 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1912).

<sup>6</sup> Kulūta referred to here cannot be the country of the same name in the Punjab, identified with Kulu. A general of the Chōla king Rājēndra-Chōla I is suid to have defeated a Kulūta chief named Vimalāditya (S. I. I., Vol. V. No. 1351), and so this Kulūta must be located near about Vēngī and Utkala, and ruled over by an Eastern Chālukyan feudatory.

<sup>5</sup> No. 273 of 1904.

in the Puttur Division of the Unittoor District. The locality where these two inscriptions were discovered, namely the Chittoor District, has perhaps to account for the riseful quotation of both the regnal as well as the Saka years in them, for such double citations are somewhat rare in inscriptions of this period in the southern districts.

Several Sanskrit and Tamil broad is of the king are also enumerated in this portion of the record (ll. 155-8), some belonging to him by his own right as a serior of the Chōļa family, such as Randral riblaka. Chōṇakalasōkhara, etc., while others we e acquired by him as a result of his victory over the Chōḷakalasōkhara, etc., while others we e acquired by him as a result of his victory over the Chōḷakyas, such as Salabaha i  $\bar{a}_{ij}$  rand. Abaramallabahakāla, etc. The title i Āharamallabahamanaman  $\bar{a}_{ij}$  is of particular intensities it claims for him victory over  $\bar{A}$ havanaalla as many as five times.  $P\bar{a}_{ij}$   $p_{ij}$   $p_{$ 

These and other achievements of the king are further elaborated in the short historical introduction commencing with the words. Vicanoig tagacyōgavume', etc., which follows thereafter (ll. 160-68). It is berein claimed that Rājakōsariyarmani Vīrarājēndra took the head of the Tennan (Pāṇḍya), levied tribute from the Chōra king, subdued Shīgala-dōsam (Ceylon), saw the back of Āhavamalla uve times in battle, fubilie i the vow of his elder brothers by recovering Vēṅgai-nāḍu which, however, he gave to king Vijav Ghiya (Vijayādītva VII) who had submitted to him, gave Kaḍāram back after conquest to the (Kadāra ) king who fell at his feet soliciting his help, drove away Sōmōsvara (Sōmōsvara II) from his Kaunaḍa-dōsam, and gave Irattapīḍi-seven-and-a-half-lakh country to Vikramādītva (VI). Incidentally, Vīrarājōndra is also stated to have defeated the Chājukva king at Mudakkāru, apparently on an earlier occasion, and to have thus cooled his anger.

From a study of the claborate details contained in the variant historical introductions prefacing his lithic records at is seen that the reign of Vīrarājēndra, though it occurred a short span of only seven years, was crowded with campaigns conducted in as many as four war-fronts, -on the west against  $\bar{\Lambda}$  bay amalla to whom he had a score to pay in revenge for the death of his elder brothers in battle on the cast against Ahavamalla's feudatory, the Eastern Chālukva Vijavāditva, on the south against the Pāṇdvas, the Chēras and Ceylon, while on the north he is said to have invaded Kalıngam and carried lus raid as far as Chakkarakköttam, in extension of his Vēngī campaigns. Virarājāndra began his aulitary career even as a prince and appears to have taken part in the wars against the Western Chāluky as undertaken by his predecessors Rājādhirāja I.Rājēndradēva and Rajamahöndra, and what they had tailed to accomplish themselves, he claims to have brought to a successful timsh. Soon after the death of Rājēndradēva, he is said to have returned to Gangāpuri (Gangarkondasolromam) direct from the battlefield for his coronation and to have again started out on that very day to prosecute the war against Ahayamalla. In all, he credits himself with having routed Thay appulled to the outched battles. These facts have been reviewed in a thorough manner by Dr. Haltzsch. but the sequence of events in this Chōla-Chālukva conflict as worked out to bim seems to require slight revision.

Before examining this question however, a few relevant facts bearing upon this period may be quoted here, for purposes of easy reference

(1) Rājēndradēva's rule extended from 28th May 1052 A.D. to A D. 1063, his highest regnal year so far known being 12.3

<sup>4</sup> There is only one instance (No. 230 of 1928-29) in which he is styled a "Parakësariyarman"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Kalmgam and Chakkatakköttam were in close political connection with the Vengi kingdom at this period, and the political changes in Vengi had their repercussions in the other two northern territories

<sup>3</sup> S. I. I. Vol. III. p. 194

<sup>4.4</sup>nt., Vol. 1X, p. 218 and No. 144 of 1898. His 12th year, if correct, will have commenced in June 1063, and he did not probably five long in that regula year, but the details given in this record (No. 144 of 1898), work for February A. D. 1063, which, however, fell in his 11th year.

- (2) A tecord of Rājamahēndra¹ dated in the 4th year, gives astronomical details which correspond to A.D. 1062, July 22. In a record dated in his 3rd year, this prince claims to have worsted the Chāļukyas at Muḍakkāru².
- (3) Rājamahēndra did not rule independently and probably predeceased his father; so Rājēndra may have chosen Vīrarājēndra as heir-apparent, some time before his own death.
- (4) Vīrarājēndra's date of accession has been calculated to fall between 11th September 1062 and 10th September 1063 A.D.;
- (5) He is said to have defeated Abavamalla three times by the 4th year. 4 and by the end of the 5th year, he claims to have defeated him in five engagements.
- (6) A record of the 5th year<sup>6</sup> which recounts several of his achievements gives astronomical details agreeing only for A.D. 1067, September 10, Monday, and serves as an important chronological landmark.
- (7) Āhavamalla (Sōmēśvara 1) drowned humself in the Tungabhadrā on Sunday, 30th March, A.D. 1068.7
- (8) In the disputed succession that followed  $\bar{\Lambda}$  havamalla's death. Vīrarājēndra sided Vikramādītya against the latter's elder brother Sōmēśvara.
- (9) The date of Som Svara (III)'s accession was 11th April A.D. 1068.7
- (10) The highest regnal year of Vīrarājēndra found in his own inscriptions is 7, and in two records of his successor Adlarājēndra, his 8th year is also quoted.
- (11) As Kulötturga-Chōja's accession took place on 9th June, A.D. 1070,  $^{10}$  Vīrarājēndra must have passed away early in his 8th year, i.e., towards the beginning of A L. 1070, and Adhirājēndra, who succeeded the latter, must have had a very short independent reign

# Vīrarājēndra's campaigns against Āhacamalla—

Now as Vīrarājēndra boasts of the title 'Ahacamallanar-acamaa]-cen-kaṇḍa' (i.e..) he' who saw the back of Āhavamalla nve times', all the nve engagements must have been directed against Āhavamalla-Sōmēšvara I during the latter's life-time. i.e., before 30th March A.D. 1068. As Rājamahēndra and Vīrarājēndra both claim to have fought the Chāļukyas at or on the bank

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> No. 80 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1935-36.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> S. I. I.. Vol VII No 743. The name Mudakkāru means a "river with a sharp bend", and so it may have been a simple descriptive name of a devious river, which later became its distinctive name. This Mudakkāru may be different from the Kūḍal-Sangamam, which requires more than one river to justify its name. It has to be noted that the name Mudakkāru is Tamil in form and it this was its original name in its locality, we may have to look for it in some place where Tamil was current. If, however, a Teligu or Kannada name had been appropriately paraphrased into Mudakkātu, its identification becomes somewhat difficult. As another instance of such transformation may be mentioned the name Kāndai (or Karandai?) in the vicinity of Kūdal-Sangamam, which appears to be a Tamilised poetic form of a Teligu or Kannada name. Dr. N. Venkataramanayya suggests that it may perhaps be identified with Kandana (vrōlu) i.e., the modern Kurnool. Similarly Koṇdai, the scene of another battle, may perhaps be identified with Koṇḍavīḍu or Koṇdapalh.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Ante, Vol. IX, p. 218. This interval can be narrowed down further. Sewell dates it after March 10, A.D. 1063-The Historical Inscriptions of Southern India, p. 342.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> S. I. I. Vol. III, p. 198.

<sup>5</sup> Ante, Vol. XXI, p. 232, Il. 5-6.

<sup>\*</sup> S. L. L., Vol. III, p. 67, 1-37.

<sup>7</sup> Ep. Carn., Vol. VII, 8k, 136.

<sup>\*</sup> The Takkayagapparanı (v. 774) also confirms the friendship of this Chola king with Vikramaditya VI

Nos. 15 of 1890 and 418 of 1902 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection.

<sup>10</sup> Anti, Vol. VII, p. 7, f n. 5.

of Mudakkāru, and as there is no great possibility for two separate battles at the same place by two kings within a short interval, it is likely that both Rājamahēndra and Vīrarājēndra took part together in the same battle, and as such, this must have happened in about the beginning of A.D. 1062, when Vīrarājēndra was only a prince.

In the present record Vīrarājēndra states that, on the very day of his coronation, he proceeded against his enemy Ābavamalla and routed him and his sons at Kūdal-Saṅgamam in the north.<sup>2</sup> This information is interesting and has not been specified in his other inscriptions. As Vīrarājēndra's coronation could have taken place only after Rājēndradēva's demise in A.D. 1963, this first battle of Kūdal-Saṅgamam by Vīrarājēndra, as king, will have to be dated in about A.D. 1964 only. But on the other hand the Maṇimaṅgalam inscription' mentions that after the notable victory at Kūdal-Saṅgamam, the king was pleased to ascend the vīrasimhāsamam along with his consort Ulagamuļuduḍaiyāļ and donned (mēgudu) the crown (vipaga-maṇimakutam). In view of the specific post-dating of the Kūḍal-Saṅgamam battle to his coronation in the present grant, the description given in the Maṇimaṅgalam record has to be understood in the sense that the king signalised his success by a second elaborate coronation ceremonial after his return from the battle-field.

As Vīrarājēndra claims to have defeated Āhavamalla **three times** by his 4th year the must have defeated bim on two other occasions in addition to the Kūdal-Saṅgamam battle. These are mentioned in the Tamil preamble beginning with the words timeralar, etc., etc., (1) a campaign against Gaṅgapāḍi in which Vikkalan and several sāmantas were routed and (2) another against the Western Chālukya army in occupation in Vēṅgī, when the Chālukya general named Chāmuṇḍarāja was killed. The Mudakkāru battle, may have to be placed in one of the early campaigns.

Two other expeditions are also specified in the above prosasts to have been undertaken before the end of the 5th year of his reign. One of them was a battle on the bank of an unspecified river, when he slew a number of Chāļukva and other generals. The other was arranged to be fought at Kūḍal-Saṅgamam agam, in response to a challenge issued by Āhavamalla fixing a tryst there, but as Āhavamalla did not turn up in person, Vīrarājēndra waited for him at Kāndai (or Karandai) in its vicinity for over a month. In the skirmish that, however, ensued between the latter and the Chāļukva garrison that was near by, three Chāļukva generals were killed. Vīrarājēndra proceeding thence, overran Vēṅgī and gave it back to Vijavāditya, and raided the territory as far as Chakkarakkōttam.

Thus the **five** occasions in which Vīrarājēndra saw the back of Āhavamalla were (1) the campaign against Gaṅgapāḍi in A.D. 1062, (2) the first invasion of Vēṅgī in A.D. 1063, (3) the battle of Kūḍal-Saṅgamam in A.D. 1064, (4) the battle on the bank of an unnamed river in

<sup>1</sup> Taking the 4th year record of prince Rājamahēndra from Mārangiyūr as belonging to the beginning of that tegnal year, the Mudakkāru battle, if it took place at the end of the 3rd year, may be dated in about March A.D. 1062.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This battle is referred to as early as the 2 - 1st year (No. 452 of 1918) or 2nd year - 230th day (No. 113 of 1896) of the king. So Vītarājēndra's actual coronation must have taken place before this date and the battle may have to be placed in the end of A.D. 1064. There is, however, one record from Tiruvorrivūr (No. 136 of 1912) dated in the 2nd year which commences with 'rītamīy-tanni,' but without mentioning any of his conquests at all. The Sanskrit verses (vv. 75, 76) also state that after he was crowned, he fought at Kūḍal-Sangamam. The scene of this battle has been tentatively identified with a place on the confluence of the Krishnā and the Tungabhadrā. This will take us near Nandikōtkūr in the Kurnool District which would well fit in as a battle-field midway between the Eastern and Western Chaļukyan territories. An alternative identification that had been suggested was Kūdah at the junction of the Tungā and the Bhaduā (The Cōlas, pp. 321—22).

<sup>3</sup> S. L. L., Vol. III, No. 30, Il. 13-14

<sup>4</sup> Rājēndradēva also claims to have defeated Āhavamalla twice (rinmadi-ren-kanda) (ante, Vol. XXI, p. 233, l. 11). He is called \*Liumadi-ren-kanda U hapamakkondarutina \*Appa (An. Rep. on S. 1. Epigraphy for 1931-32, p. 52).

A.D. 1066, and (5) the encounter at Kāndai (or Karandai) near Kūḍal-Saṅgamam, which was followed up by a second invasion of Vēṅgī towards the middle of A.D. 1067. As already stated, all these military campaigns must have occurred before Āhavamalla's death in March A.D. 1068, and before September 10, A.D. 1067 which is the date of the Maṇimaṅgalam inscription! of his 5th year mentioning them.

His Vingt compressions -

From his records it is lead at that Viranajandra indertook two expeditions against Vangī during his reign as against They amalla's power in that ingree. The Chōja influence which had prevailed in that territory space the time of the Chōla king Rājarāta I (A.D. 1600) suffered an eclipse in the middle of the 41th century A.D. About A.D. 1062, see the death of the Eastern Chālukva R7 2:7p L. L.s 'acther Vijavāditva appears to have virested the power into his hands in preference to Rightina's son Rapindra-Chōlar, who must have been a very young prince at the time. Take glady antoge of the pidifference of Rajadlandia and Rajandraddva to Vangi affairs. referred to moverse 77 of the present record. Thavarealla found it a good opportunity to invade Vēngā at an tins time or somewhat earlier? and made Vij yzādītve VII bis tendatory. Vīrarājēndia's tast compagn was therefore directed against. Abovamalla's army to Vengi, but except for the defeat of the Chālukve general Chāmuṇḍarāra in 5. - 2 (2000) to the expection does not appear to have accomplished much. It is possible that at the area of the area of death of his elder brother Rajendradeva. Vitarajendra had to rush back to the finite of the careful of the middle of this campaign for his cononation, and as Ahavamalla appears, in the meantime, to any emistered his forces for another right, the newly anointed Chōla king was obliged to depart from the capital again on the very day of his coronation, posthaste to meet his enemy at Vada-Kūdal-Sangamam, In the second invasion undertaken about A.D. 1067, a herce battle was fought in the vicinity of Vijayayāda (Bezwada). Āhayanadla's powerhaving been broken, his tendatory Vriayaditya appears to have also submitted and transferred his allegrance, for the time being, to his Chōla conqueror, from whom, it is said be got back his territory. Virarājēndra's raid through Kalingam and as far as Chakkarakkorth, was only in continuation of this Vongi campaign.

There appears to have been a third occasion in which Vēngī was invested by the Chōla army. This campaign which is described only in the Thumukkūḍal archiption is stated to have occurred after the Coylon expedition, and so has to be dated in about January or February A.D. 1068 approximately. Though it is not expressly stated as a what had necessitated it so soon after the last campaign a few months earlier, in which Vin yūditya was given back Vēngī, a clue seems to be afforded in the statement that the Chalukki tookst halaike course out with an army twice in numerical strength to what he had an establed on a former occasion. This

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> S. I. I., Vol. III, No. 30.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In ante, Vol. XXII. No. 35. Mr. K. V. Subrahmanya Avec street that the succession of Vijayāditya was not disputed. Prince Rājēndra was perhaps too young to make a strong protest.

³ In a record of Sômēśvara dated in Śaka 975, his son Sômēs, co «H. has the title 'Vēngīpuravarādhisvara,' thus postulating Vēngī connection so early (above, Vol. XVI. p. 50). A record from Drākshārāma dated in Śaka 986 in the reign of a Vishnuvardhana is attributable to the six som Chālukya Vijayādītya who was then probably a fendatory of the Western Chālukyas (S. I. I., Vol. IV. No. 1913).

<sup>4</sup> This event must have happened before A.D. 1067, September 10, which is the English equivalent for the details furnished in the Manimangalam inscription dated in the Arian of the king, which refers to this episode (S. I. I., Vol. III, No. 30, p. 67).

<sup>5</sup> Ante, Vol. XXI, p. 232.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The expression \* och-Chalukki\* used here probably refers only to the Eastern Chālukya Vijayāditya, who has been mentioned just previous to the description of the Ceylon ampaign.

inscription dated in the 5th year states that Vīrarājēndra defeated Āhavamalla five times, ending with the battle of Karandai. In later records of the 7th year, the Western Chalukya king continues to be mentioned as having suffered defeat the same number of times. So the enemy encountered by the Chōļa at the subsequent battle of Koṇḍai. (probably Koṇḍavīḍu in the Vēṇgī territory), could not have been Āhavamalla, but was in all probability Vijayāditya. The latter who was a Western Chāļukya feudatory in the initial years of his reign, appears to have transferred his nominal allegiance to the Chōļa conqueror, and as the price of his submission, got back Vēṇgī. It is possible that, a short time later, he attempted to throw off the Chōļa voke and mustering a large army opposed the Chōļa king at the battle of Koṇḍai. The Chāļukyan army was, however, repulsed, and the victorious Vīrarājēndra is then stated to have planted a pillar of victory at Śūṭtukkal² and marched into Kalingam and Chakkarakkōṭṭam, defeating and killing some Chālukya generals.

# Further Chāļukya hostilities.

The Chōla-Chālukva hostilities did not, however, cease with the death of Ahavamalla a record dated in the 6th year, Vîrarājēndra claims to have defeated Somēsvara before he had had time to take off his necklet  $(kauthik\tilde{a})$ , to have burnt the Chāļukva capital Kampili and to have set up a pillar of victory at Karadikkal. Another dated in the 7th year,4 states that Somesyara was driven out of Kannada-dēšam and the Raṭṭapāḍi-seven-and-a-half-lakhs country in its entirety was given to Vikramāditya (VI) who had submitted to him. The karthikā or the necklet was the conventional emblem of heir-apparency of the Chālukva dynasty, as differentiated from the makata or crown, the emblem of royalty, and the Somesvara referred to here was evidently the second of that name. The above-noted claim of Vīrarājēndra has therefore to be understood to be but a poets al way of saving that the Chōla king swooped down on the Chālukva capital evidently in aid of his ally Vikramāditva,6 immediately after the death of Āhayamalla and before the quondam heu-apparent Somesvara II put on the crown of royalty. i.e., in the interval between 30th March, AD 1068, the date of death of Ahavamalla, and 11th April A.D. 1068, the actual date of accession of Somesvara II. The result of this campaign has, however, been exaggerated by the Chōla panegyrist, for Sōmēśvara appears to have ceded only a portion of his territory to Vikramāditya, as evidenced by his own records being simultaneously found in other parts of the kingdom, and Vikramādītya, the protégé of Vīrarājēndra, appears to have himself continued in a subordinate capacity, as suggested by his investiture with the kapthikā only. The claim for a Chālukvan victory made in the Shikarpur record, which must have been dated some time later than April, A.D. 1068, may be noted in this connection. It is stated therein that Vîrarājēndra thinking that this was an opportune occasion, invaded the Chalukvan territory with a large army and laid siege to Gutti: but when Somesvara II opposed him with a powerful cavalry force, he was forced to flee. The Chālukya records are silent about the burning of Kampili, while there is no mention of the Chōla reverses at Gutti in the Chōla records. It may be inferred that the Chōla king was successful in the beginning of this campaign, and that later he sustained a defeat at Gutti in about the end of A D. 1068, which put an end to his military aspirations in the north.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Kanyākumari inscription and the present copper-plate. Nowhere has āhavamalla been described as having been defeated six times or more (arumadi-ren-kanda, etc.).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The expression Puh-Süttukkal has been taken to be the name of a village (ante, Vol. XXI, p. 226). But it may also be taken to mean a 'stone pillar of victory with the mark of a tiger on it', which was probably set up at Kondai itself.

<sup>\*</sup> S. I. I., Vol. III, p. 201. \* Ibid., p. 203 Ind. Ant., Vol. XX, p. 267.

This political pact was also cemented by the marriage of Vîrarājēndra's daughter with Vikramāditya,

τ Ep. Carn., Vol. VII, Sk. 136.

His campaign against the Pāndya.

In regard to Vîrarājēndra's southern campaigns, the one against the Pāṇḍya is in a way confirmed by the existence of his inscriptions at Kanvākumari (Travancore). Āttūr (Tirunelveli District) and Tirupputtūr (Ramnad District). Before the 3rd year of his reign, he had appointed prince Gangaikonda-Chōla as the Chōla-Pāndva vicerov over the Pāndva country in continuation of the previous system of administration, but this Chola prince was not left undisturbed for long, for according to a record dated in the 3+1st year. Vīrarājēndra marched against a certain Śrīvallabha, apparently a Pāṇḍya, and killed his son Vīrakēsari. As this campaign has not been referred to in the Tiruvenkādu: record dated in the 2nd year + 230th day of his reign but is mentioned in the Karuvūr inscription of this king dated in the 3-1st year, it has to be placed towards the end of his 3rd year, i.e., in about A.D. 1065. This victory also appears to have been of a temporary nature, for Vîrarājēndra's successor Kulöttunga-Chōļa I had agam to go to war against the 'five Pāṇḍyas' a few years later.

His campaign against Udagar.

In the course of this southern campaign, the Chera must have also felt, the impact of the Chōla army and consented to pay tribute. The Kēraļa king and his sons are described to have fled before the mad elephant of Vīrarājēndra in a battle at Udagait and to have hidden themselves in the western ocean. In an inscription' copied at Kilur in the South Arcot District, dated in the 29th year of Rājarāja I, the king is stated to have burnt the city of Udagare during his Malajnādu campaign. From these references, it is clear that Udagai was a city in the Chēra dominion, and was, in all probability identical with Udaiyampērūr, the big city of the Udaiyas (the Chēras) in the northern portion of the Travancore State, which is only three miles distant from Trichūr and which in the olden days was an important place in the Chera territory. The Chera contemporaries of Rājēndra-Chōļa I were Rājasinha and his son Rājarāja who figure in the Mannārkōvil inscription, of Jatāvarman Sundara-Chola-Pāṇdva, but who the contemporary of Virarājēndra was, is not clear.

His conquest of Ceylon

The conquest of Simhalam is only briefly referred to in the present record; but the Tirumukkūdal inscriptions dated in the 5th year of the king, describes this campaign in some detail and refers to his defeat of the Ceylon king Vijayabāhu and the subjugation of the Island i girt round by the waters of the sea '. Though this is perhaps a sweeping claim, it has to be conceded that a portion of the island was under Chola sway at this period. As the Manmangalam record of the 10th September A.D. 1067 does not refer to this expedition, it will have to be placed towards the end of that year, about November or December A.D. 1067.6 Vīrarājēndra's predecessor Rājēndradēva had also invaded Cevlon and an inscription of his is found there. Inscriptions of Adhirājēndra, the successor of Vīrarājēndra, are also found at Polonnatuva (Cevlon). The latter

Nos. 400 and 401 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1929-30 and No. 110 of 1908

<sup>§</sup> S. I. I., Vol. V, No. 976.

<sup>3</sup> S. J. L. Vol. III, No. 20 The Pandya king Srivallabha was the "ontemporary of Ripindra-Chôla I also.

S. I. I., Vol. VII, No. 863 4 S. I. I., Vol. III, No. 30.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>bullet}$  Udagar has been taken to be a Pandya city (8–1, 1), Vol. III, p. 68. <sup>7</sup> Aut. Vol. XI, p. 294.

<sup>8</sup> Ante, Vol. XXI, No. 38, where this point has been examined by Mr. K. V. Subrahmanya Ayvar in detail. The Polonnaruva inscription of Vijayabāhu (anh. Vol. XVIII, No. 38) may be considered to mark the eclipse of Chola power in Ceylon, for no inscriptions of later Chola kings are found actually in that island,

<sup>9</sup> If the Ceylon expedition of the 5th year took place about November 1067, and an incident of April A.D. 1068 fell in the 6th year, the date of accession of Virarajendra can be narroyed down between the limits -December 1062 A.D. and March 1063 A.D. A date in his 7th regionly at (Kreen, ba. 7, Thursday, Magasirsha) was A.D. 1069, September 10, Thursday (No. 160 of 1937-38).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> S. I. I. Vol. IV, Nos. 1388 and 1392. <sup>10</sup> S. I. I., Vol. V. No. 1408

did not perhaps lead an independent expedition against the island during his very short reign and may be presumed to have participated in his father's campaign only. No records attributable to Vīrarājēndra have, however, been found in Cevlon <sup>1</sup>

## His campaign against Kadāram

Another overseas victory is claimed for Virarājēndra over Kaḍāram. In the later historical introduction of the 7th year commencing with ' virami y-taya ququeum' this achievement is introduced between the second invasion of Vengi in A.D. 1067 and the last campaign of Virarajendra that we know of, which was directed against Sēmēsvara II (A.D. 1068). As his father Rājēndra-Chōla I claims to have invaded Kadārum himself by about AD 1026.3 it is possible that Vîrarajêndra as a young prince, had accompanied the thôla army in that campaign also. Such a campaign to the distant Kaḍāram towards the close of Vīrarājēndra's reign appears problematical and has to be confirmed only by future researches. The express statement that the Chōla king conquered Kadāram and gave it back to the (Kadāra) king who had supplicated him, seems to imply that an expedition, at least under an able general though not personally led by the king himself, may have been sent against this far eastern country in aid of his ally. If it was an accomplished fact of his reign. It may have taken place in the beginning of A.D. 1068. The friendly relationship between the Chöla and the Kadāram kings seems to have been continued down to the 20th year of the reign of Kulöttunga-Chōla I. (A.D. 1090), when two messengers (dātar) of the Kadāram king came to the mainland to obtain from the Chōla monarch some concessions on behalf of the Bauddha-cchūra at Negapatani.

Thus Vīrarājēndra's short reign was a period of stientious military effort to keep up the weakening Chōla power and prestige to some extent. The several campaigns of his reign may thus be briefly reviewed, in their probable chronological sequence:

- (1) the first campaign against Gangapādi in A.D. 1062;
- (2) the first invasion of Vēngī in A.D. 1062.
- (3) the first battle of Kūdal-Sangamam in AD, 1964,
- (4) the southern expedition against the Pāṇḍva and Chēra in A.D. 1065;
- (5) the battle on the bank of an unspecified river in A.D. 1066:
- (6) the clash with the Chāḥdkvan army at Kāndar (or Karandai) near Kūdal-Saėgamam in the middle of  $\Lambda$  D = 1067 .
- (7) the second invasion against Vēngī, the battle of Vijayavāda and the restoration of Vēngī to Vijavāditya before September VD, 1067;
- (8) the expedition against Simhalam in the end of A.D. 1067;
- (9) the overseas campaign to Kadāram in the beginning of A.D. 1068;
- (10) the third expedition against Vēngī and the battle of Kondai in about February A.D. 1068
- (11) the campaign against the Western Chāļukva Sōmēśvara, the burning of Kampili and the erection of a pillar of victory at Karadikkal in April A.D. 1068; and the installation of Vikramāditya VI in a portion of the Western Chāļukva dominions; and
- (12) the battle of Gutti' in about the end of A.D. 1068, wherein Virarājēndra suffered defeat at the hands of Sōmē-svara II.

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  See also ante, Vol. XVIII. p. 332 and f. n. 2. The Archæological Commissioner of Ceylon has kindly informed us that there are no inscriptions of Viraiājēndrasleva in Ceylon.  $^{2}$  S. I. I., Vol. III. p. 203.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The conquest of Kadāram (Keddah in the Śrīvijaya kingdom located in the Malay Pennsula) by Rājēndra-Chōļa occurred about his 13th year corresponding to A.D. 1026. As Vīrarājēndra lived up to A.D. 1069, he may have been a young prince capable of participating in a military expedition, 43 years earlier.

<sup>4</sup> Ante, Vol. XXII, p. 268.

<sup>→</sup> Ep. Ca, ρ., Vol. VII, 8k, 136.

Though this warlike king was so much preoccupied in his wars during his short reign, for not a year, except perhaps the last, passed without his army being engaged in some campaign or other, he appears to have found time to attend to the welfare of his subjects. He is said to have presented many agrahāras to Brāhmaus and several benefactions to temples owed their origin to his munificence.

In this context, it may be remarked that the Chōla version of the Chōla-Chālukva war appears to give a slightly exaggerated account of Vīrarājēndradēva's victories. The Chāļukva records, on the other hand, seem to indicate that the reverses were not always on the Chālukvan side alone.1 In fact, the two parties appear to have been fairly well-matched, with the result that the hostilities were protracted and the opposing armies met in as many as five different engagements army no doubt took the offensive and carried the war into the enemy's country, as testified to by the scenes of battles which were all located in Chāļukyan territory, and except for the Chōļa reverses in the death of Rājādhirāja I in the earlier battle of Koppam and later at Gutti, Vīrarājēndra's independent campaigns appear to have met with a fair measure of success; but the fact that he is described as having restored the conquered dominions-riz., Vengi to Vijayaditva VII and Rattapādi to Vikramāditva VI-seems to indicate that his hold on the conquered territories was not of a permanent nature. His Pāṇḍya and Chēra conquests also appear to have shared the same fate. This policy of restoration adopted by Vîrarajëndra may have been due to considerations of statecraft by which he had tried to placate the kings on his frontiers or to the insufficiency of his own resources which had weakened his hold on his conquests so far away from Chola headquar-Whatever the reason, the provenance of his inscriptions with the exception of the Kanyakumari, Attur and Tirupputtur records reveals that his authority extended over a restricted area only, comprising the North Arcot, South Arcot, Chingleput, Tanjore and Trichinopoly Districts of the Madras Presidency with a portion of the adjoining Pudukköttai State and the Kolar and Bangalore Districts of the Mysore State, added thereto.

The circumstances under which the king died are not known. As a record? of his 7th year is dated on September 10, A.D. 1069, and as two records of Adhirājēndra refer to the 8th year of his predecessor. Vīrarājēndra must have been alive till at least October A.D. 1069, and he may have passed away sometime later in the beginning of A.D. 1070. It is possible that there is some reference to his last days in an undated record from Tiruvorgiyūr.3 m which provision was made for worship in the local temple for the welfare of the king and for the prosperity of the queen's transfângalyam. Vīrarājēndra was succeeded by his son Adhirājēndra, a portion of whose short period of rule must have merged into his own reign. The prayer offered for the welfare of Adhirājēndra in a record from Kūhūr¹ in the Tanjore District, dated in his 3rd year, seems to indicate that this king was himself suffering from illness at the time and his records end with the 4th year? As his successor Kulōttuṅga-( hōļa I ascended the throne on 9th June 1070 A.D. Adhirājēndra could have ruled independently for only a short time in the first half of A.D. 1070

<sup>1</sup> The Chāļuky caries—the shatterer of the probe of the Chōla monarchs (ante, Vol. XV, p. 91) and the foundation of a temple celled Chōla-gonda-Traipurushadēva at Annigere (8, I. I., Vol. XII, B.K. No. 103) may be noted. An invasion led by Prince Vishnuvardhana Vijayāditya in the reign of Trailōkvamalla, against the Chōla king in A.D. 1064 is referred to in S. I. I., Vol. IX, Nos. 127 and 128.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> No. 160 of the Mad. Epig. Colln. tor 1937-38.

<sup>3</sup> No. 128 of the Mad. Epig Colln. for 1912.

<sup>4</sup> No. 280 of 1917.

<sup>5</sup> No. 15 of 1890 is dated in the 3rd year-200th day of reign.

<sup>4</sup> Ante, Vol. VII, p. 7, f.n. 5.

What became of the several Chōļa princes, sons of Rājēndradēva and Vīrarājēndra¹, is not apparent. Of those, if any, that may have survived the numerous campaigns of this period, there was perhaps none strong enough to occupy the Chōļa throne after Adhirājēndra. So the enterprising Eastern Chāļukya prince Rājēndra-Chōļa II, son of Chāļukya Rājarāja I. grandson of the Chōļa king Rājēndra-Chōļa I, and son-in-law of Rājēndradēva, who was thus intimately connected with the Chōļa royal family, availed himself of this opportunity to quietly succeed to the vacant Chōļa throne. This political step not only helped to relieve the tension in his own country where his uncle Vijayāditya was still reigning, but also gave Kulōttuṅga-Chōļa I a large tract of new territory to rule over, until such time as, with the demise of his uncle, he could consolidate the Chōļa and Chāļukya fortunes into one line.

# Section III (ll. 170-191).

This section relates to the object of the grant. At the time of making the gift recorded in the present charter, the king is stated to have been seated in the frontal tirukkāvaņam of the audience-hall (tiruvōlakka-maṇḍapa) called 'Rājarājaṇ'³ in the temple of Tiruvēgambam-Uḍaiyār at Kāñchīpuram, a nagaram in Eyir-kōṭṭam, a sub-division of Jayangoṇḍaśōla-maṇḍalam. The village Chērām alias Madhurāntaka-chaturvēdimaṅgalam, which was granted to the three Brāhmans of the Ātrēya-qōtra already referred to above, is said to have been situated in Iraṭṭapāḍi-koṇḍaśōla-maṇḍalam, that had been captured by Vīrarājēndradēva in the campaign, which he had undertaken immediately after his coronation and in which he had defeated Āhavamalla and his sons on the battle-field at the northern Kūḍal-Saṅgamam.

The boundary-line of this gift-village is then described in detail. Starting from Kuppēri in the east, it passed through several landmarks, such as rocks, sluices, etc., and ended at a hillock called Kaḍatti-malai. The land enclosed by this boundary-line belonged to the village Chēgām alias Madhurāntaka-chaturvēdimangalam. In this connection it may be noted that the boundary-line was not marked out, as was usual in such cases and in this period, by the circumambulation of a she-elephant (puli-sūludu) and that though it was drafted by the officer Madhurāntaka-Brahmādhirājan, it is lacking in the sententious clauses and schedules regarding tax-exemptions, irrigation-privileges, etc., similar to those mentioned in the Tiruvālangādu plates of Rājēndra-Chōla I. After the description of the boundary-line, the verse which is engraved on the seal of this copper-plate grant is also repeated here, to stress the fact that the foregoing charter was the order of king Vīrarājēndradēva

#### Section IV (II. 192--211).

This section constitutes the concluding portion of the record and contains the names of the signatories, imprecatory verses and such other routine matters. The name of the adhikāriqul who drafted this order is given as Guṇanidi-Aruļmoliyār alius Mīṇavaṇ-Mūvēndavēļār
of Parakēsarmallūr in Titunaraivūt-nādu, a sub-division of Kshatriyasikhāmaṇi-vaļanādu, a distriet of Šōla-maṇḍalam. The treemandera ōlar officers were Tōṇamayaṇ Pāṇanāsan alius Vīrasrīvallabha-Brahmādhirājan of Kāvākkudi, a brahmadēja in Kurumbūr-nādu, a sub-division of

<sup>4</sup> See the table given at page 128 of Trav. Archl. Series, Vol. III.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The 'adoption' theory has been ably refuted by Mr. K. V. S. Ayyar in *unite*, Vol. XXII. p. 272. Whether Kulöttunga's succession was praceful or was attended with civil war and bloodshed has also been the subject of much speculation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Virarājēndra was staving in the same place while issuing another record (8, I, I<sub>s</sub>, Vol. IV, p. 60). A palace named Sōlakēralan-māligai and thrones called Rājēndrasōla-Māvalivānarajan and Abhimānarāman are also referred to in his inscriptions (Nos. 182 of 1915 and 462 of 1908).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See f.n. I on page 264.

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Javangondasõla-valenādu and Arulmoli-Rājöndiasõlan alais Jananātha-Vilupparaiyan of Sēnda-mangalam in Vīrasõla-valanādu.

The composer of the Sanskrit prakasti was a certain Chandrabhūshaṇa-Bhaṭṭa who is referred to later by the paraphrased name of Śaśibhūshaṇa-Paṇḍita. He is evidently identical with Chandraśōkharabhūshaṇa-Bhaṭṭa alias Vīrarājēndra-Brahmādhirājan mentioned in an inscription! of the king from Gaṅgaikoṇḍaśōlaput un, where a large number of the king's officers are enumerated, among whom Cuṇanidhi-Aruḥnoli alias Mīnavan-Mūvēndavēļar of the present tecord also finds mention? A certain Chandrabhūsh ṇṇa-Paṇḍita figures in two records! from the Bellary District dated in A. D. 1054 and 1068, and it is possible he was identical with the composer of this copper-plate grant. In collaboration with this panegyrist, the efficer named Madhināntaka-Brahmādhirāna is said to have drafted this copper-plate charter finally, and got it engraved by Śaṅkaran-Kāḍāḍi alias Karuṇākara-Āchāriyan, a Tachchāchārīgan of Kuvalāļam in Kuvalāla-nādu.

A tew imprecatory verses are then quoted, and along with them there is one more verse in the Mālenī-metre added here, as an exhortation made by king 'Rājarāja' whose head is ornamented with the lotus-feet of Hara, enjoining all future kings to protect this charity. As this reminds us of the title 'Śiyapāda'ēkhara' borne by the Chōļa king Rājarāja I, it appears probable that like the supplicatory verse ending with 'gāchatī Rāmabhadraḥ' this Chōļa king also got a similar verse composed for use in Chōļa documents. Or as an alternative, it may be suggested that the verse refers to Vīrarājēndra himself, who is given the titles. Rājādhirājaṇ' and 'Rājarājaṇ' in the Tirumukkūḍal aiscription' in which case the attribute used in this verse may be understood as indicating simply the king's intense devotion to Hara'

Among the place-names mentioned in the record, the village Chērām in Puli-nāḍu may be identified with Chārāla in the Punganur taluk of the Chittoor District, where the copper-plate set was discovered. Raṭṭapāḍikoṇḍaśōṇa-maṇḍalam, which took the new name from the time of Rāṭēndradēva, who conquered Raṭṭapāḍi, is represented by the tract of country found about Panganur in the Chittoor District, and the adjoining Chintamani taluk of the Mysore State. There was also another sub-division known by the name of Raṭṭapāḍikoṇḍaśōla-vaļanāḍu in the Pudukkottai State. The names occurring in the description of boundaries are too vague to be identified now.

# TEXT.

(For metres of verses 1 - SI see above, Vol. XVIII p. 314)

#### First Plate.

- 1 Svasti Śrikh \*¡ Yaḥ karttā jagad-ut(d)bhava-sthiti-lavān ut(d)bhūtavā līlayā yō vāchām= adhināvakas šravati vam sa-
- 2 rvajňat arkāstavā (\*\*) vat(d)-bhakti-pravaņair-apāva-vishamas tāryyō bhav-āmbhōni-dhir ddēvād vas sa vi-
- 3 bhūtim indu-sakal-āpādō Bhavānīpatiḥ [[]-I [[]- Māyām āyāminīm yō vahati jagad=idam ranjavantīm javantīm juān-ā-

<sup>38</sup> J. J., Vol. IV, No. 529, 1-27

<sup>578</sup>id., 1 29

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> S. I. J., Vol. IX, Nos. 113 and 143.

<sup>4</sup> Ante, Vol. XXI p. 202, 1-7

<sup>-</sup> King Parantaka also desembes himself as "Smarari-charanambuja-sēkharn" -- (S. I. I., Vol. II, p. 385).

<sup>\*</sup> The l'absildar of Punganan, who was addressed, has not been able to render much help in this matter.

4 jñāna-prasūti(tim) sphuṭa-ruchi-vapashā yōgabhājā [-\*] satv-ā-satv-ānukampī stha-ta¹-mudita-mahā-tāpa-śū-

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- 5 nām pašūnām Šambhus šam-bhugna-pāpa-vyatikņiti bhavatas sa prapātāt prapātāt ||||- 2 ||||- Chakrē chakrēņa
- 6 daitya-prakaram atibalani yas-samastani samastani pätä pätäļa-mūl-āhita-Balir anišam bhāsurāṇām surāṇām [‡\*] sa-
- 7 dyas=sa dyatv=aghani võ Harir akhıla-jagad-rakshanêna kshanêna svairani svair-anisas lēšair-iva dharani-
- 8 gatais-sambhavat(d)bhir bhavat(d)bhi|\hi| \parallel 3 \parallel \text{Adau devas sistikshām upanata-sama-yah pratyavēksh-
- 9 ām adabhrām-bibhrat(d) višv-ādhināthas-samuchita-samav-ārambham- ambhas sasarjja - ||\*| tasmin-nikshipva bījan nijam-ajara-³ba-
- 10 lam sa trilöki-karandam-brahmandam-téna chakré vyadhita vidhim api srashtum-ishtam vidhévam (4.4 ). Tasmã-
- 11 j-jātas: tadānim sakalam api jagat sa-prapancham Virincham(chah) kurvvan¹ durvvāravīryān ajanayad apaiān Brahmaņa[ḥ\*] kaim-
- 12 ma-nishṭhān[,\*] tēshām-ēkas tv≈aśēshair=apr Vidhi-vībhavan ggarbhītō nīrbharā-stīr vvishvag-rōchir=**mMarīchis**: trībhuvanā-
- 13 bhayanam sanchakāsānchakāra [[-5]] Tasmāt(d-) vismēra-patmā(dmā)sana-nayana-chayaspashta-drishţ-ōrjiita-śrīś-śiē-
- 14 yas-sampatti-bhājān dhuri gaņīta-guņaḥ Kaśyapa[ḥ] pasyakō bhūt [ \*] anvönv-önmarddanona śrivam iha dadhatō
- 15 yat-prasūtās-sur-ādyā nirvvyājan nirjjavanti prachūram upachītān ambūrāsēs taramgān ([-6]) Tasmāj jātas tadā-
- 16 nīm samayākrīt a(d a)samas svaih prabhāvait udārair vvisva-trāņa-pravīņais satatam atiturān nirjjayan svān **vi**-
- 17 vasvān []\*] nidrā-mudrā-vibhēdam prathamam anubhavan vanmayūkh-ābhimaršād = dhātur vaktr-āravindais=saha saka-
- 18 Ja-gurős satma(dma)-patma(dma)ñ-chakāsē -7 , '- Yasy-ōdasyat(d)bhir ārād ayatama-sam ati'-yyātatair amśn-jālair-bhāsya-

# Second Plate: First Side.

- 19 t-kārttasvarsāņḍam prathamam abhīgaļat kāļum≈ēv sābabhāsē {¡\*} yat(d)-bimbaḥ karņun-kātvain nivahatī kiraņaih kē-\*
- 20. sarair sāhita-šrīr sut(d)gādhair ddig-daļ-aughan suparachita-ruchō vyōma-pamkōruhasya (178.7) - Ētasv ā-
- 21 bhūt tanūjō Manur amaļa-tanur bhūbhujām bijam advam yen arkēntēna yogān mombhir abhihitā māna-
- 22 veivam proj ēti [\*] lōkānīm ēko vandvaļi pravidhād atālam sarinma dhatimisa-prapanechair-bhāsvān bhāsvat-suta-
- <sup>4</sup> TAS has b to instead of sthite = 47.4 Sindicates the readings given in the Training = 4, charological Series, Vol. III No. 34, as made out from the Kanyākuman inscription [
  - 2 TAS has jugad-arambham instead of saman-arambham.
  - 3 TAS has ajam akhdam instead of ajambalam.
  - \* T 18 has keiter instead of kinerae
  - "TAS has anatymusa-tate which is obviously a unisteading for acatamasam ate.
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- 23 tvāt pitaram=iha¹ sutam yaḥ² prakāśīchakāra |||-9 |||- Tasy=Ēkshvākur=abhūd=yaśōbhir=amalair=ddikshv=ātatai-
- 24 ś=śōbhitas=sūnus=sānushu bhūbhṛitām sura-gaṇair=yyat-kīrttir=ut(d)gīyatē [|\*] yasy=āmitra-narādhirāja-virahā-
- 25 j=jaitram=mahas=sarvvatō durvvāra³-prasaram vyajēshṭa balavan=Mitrasya tējaḥ param |||-10 |||- Tasy=ābhūt=tana-
- 26 yas=samunnata-nayaḥ prēkshī Vikukshin=nripō⁴ rakshām=akshata-vikramas=samakarōt kshmāmanḍalasy=āsya yaḥ [i\*] a-
- 27 nyōnya-pravimarddanēna mahatī yā pārtthivair=llabhyatē tām sūtē śśri(śri)yam=aśramam kshitibhritām yat-pā-
- 28 dayōr=ānatih .j.-11 || Putras=tasya **Purañjayas**=samabhavat saṅgrāmam=ājanmu(gmu)-shāñ-jētā bhūmibhujāñ-ji-
- 29 gīshur=asurān jajnē<sup>5</sup> [sa] mānyas=tataḥ [[\*] Jambh[ā\*]riii, vrishabhaii vidhāya kakudē sthūlē-sva vas=sainsthita-
- 30 s=tad-dēvair=adhika-pramoda-gadītām prāptaḥ **Kakusth**-ābhidām |||-12 |||- **Prithur=** babhū|v=ā|tra kulē kul-ādriņā
- 31 samas=samast-āvanipāla-vandita[ḥ] [|\*] vivēda yasmin=nripatau sa-nandadhu(thu)r=nna vēpadhu[r]=nn=āpi cha yāchituñ=jana[ḥ]<sup>6</sup> |||-
- 32 13 [- Amushmin=vaińśē=bhūn=mahati **Kuvalāśvō** narapati[r]=Harēr<sup>7</sup>=vvīryair=ddhuryy-air=ati-nibhitam=ut(d)bhāsita-tanu-
- 33 ḥ [[\*] sa Dhundhun-daityēndram bahaļa-sikatā-sindhu-pihītam hitam lõkāy=āsmai vidad-had-avadhīd-u[ddha]-
- 34 ta-balah [[]-14 []]- Vamsē-sminn-ut(d)babhūv=āt(d)bhuta-ma[hi]ma-bhara-bhrājitasy= āmaiārēr-amsō višvambhar-ārtti-prašama-
- 35 nam amsam karttum utsiddha-kirttih [[\*] Māndhātā nāma rājā jana-nayana-mah-ānanda-sandōha-dāyī yasy ādharimma-kshayāya
- 36 vvacharad-au-javāch-chaktam-āchakravāļāt [[[-15]]] Tāsmin-nṇpē parama-tējasi šāsat= īmām būūmm-chachāra hariņā
- 37 Harinas-sal, āpi [[\*] sarvõ mithas-sahajam-apy-ajahāt(d)-virõdhar-dharimmas-tv-adhar-mma-virāhān na tathā chakāra [[]-

# Second Plate; Second Side.

- 38 16 ku- Udayam-iha dadhānas=sat(d)-guṇair-ēdhamānas satatam=asad-apāyē vṛɪtdh(ddhi)-maty=ānvavāyē [p\*] udajani **Muchukundaḥ**
- 39 kundah(kunda)-gaurair- yyaśōbhih parinata iva chandraś-śōbhamānō mayūkhaih |||-17 ||||-Sa trātun-tridivān-trivishṭapa-
- 40 sadān=nāthēna yūthanvishām hantum samprayiyāsat=āti-tarasā sanchōdītah prānchitah [|\*] nirnnidras-tad=aharnnišan=da-
- 41 nusutān=nighnann-avighnan=nripas=tēshām svarggam=atīva-durggam=akarōd=yuddhē hatānām=api ||-18 |||- Asmin=va-

<sup>1</sup> TAS has a a which is the correct reading.

<sup>2</sup> TAS has yam in-tead of yah.

<sup>3</sup> The corresponding reading in TAS is doubtful, though it has been given as drisht-ate-prasaram,

<sup>•</sup> Read Vikukshī aripā. TAS has Vikukshistavā.

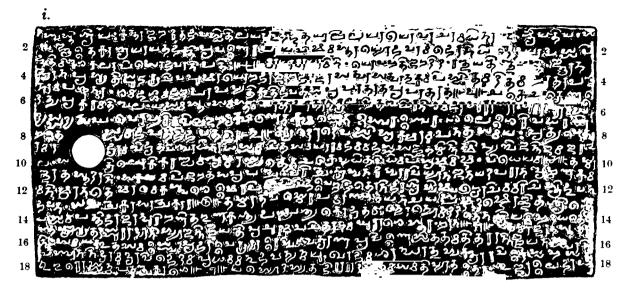
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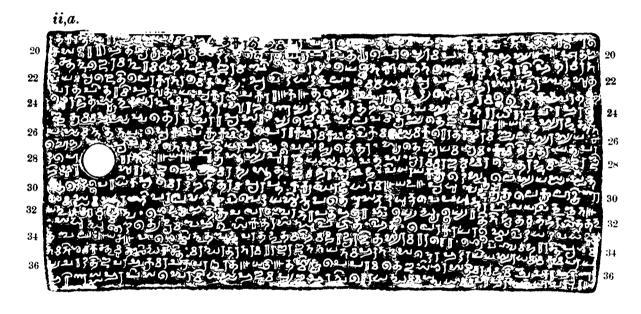
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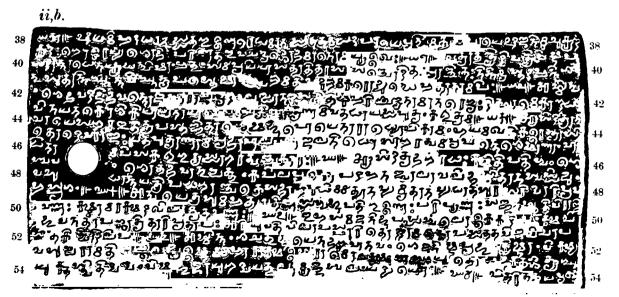
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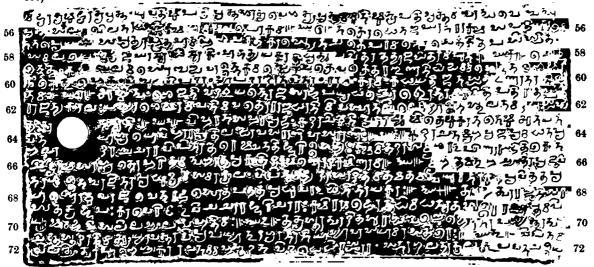
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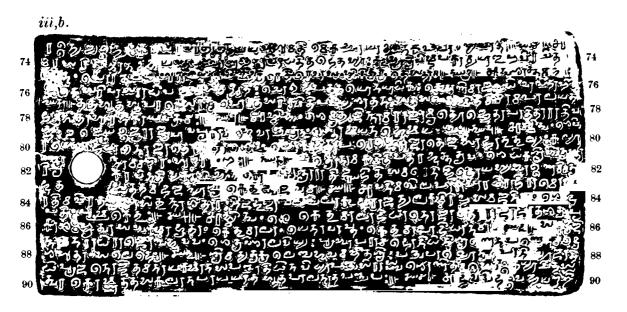






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- 42 mśē=bhavad=abhibhavann=ōjasā rājabṛi(vṛi)ndam labdh-ānandas= samītishu Hariśchandranāmā narēndraḥ []\*] ditsām=ēkām dadhad=a-
- 43 pi nayan Kauśikīyān-dhanāyām¹ svam vyakrīņāt=tṛiṇam=īva tathā yas=sa-putram kaļatram |||-19 |||- Āsīd=atr=ānva-
- 44 vāyē Sagara iti nripas=tarjjit-āšēsha-bhūpō yēn=ārādhyō=pi- kāmain haya-makha-nikarais =trāsi-
- 45 tō Dēvarājaḥ [|\*] yat-putrāṇām prabhāvāl=lavaṇa-jalamdhau sāgaratvam prapamē šēshānām vāri-
- 46 dhīnām=api sakaļa-gurus=sāgaratvaŭ=chakāra |||-20 |||- Āsīd=atra **Bhagīrathaḥ** kshitipatir vvanišē
- 47 sva-vamś-ot(d)bhavān=uddharttun Kapila-prakōpa-dahana-jvāl-āvalī-bhasmitān [[\*] svas-sindhum
- 48 vasudhān=nayan=Tripathagān=chakrē sa Bhāgīrathīm=ma|r\*|tyān=apy=amṛitān vyadhāt surasarid-vāri-pravā-
- 49 ha-spṛiśam |||-21 |||- Anvayē=tra sumahaty=avatīrṇṇas=sarvva-bhūpati-guṇaiḥ parīpūrṇṇaḥ [|\*] sajjana-stuti-virāji-
- 50 ta-varnnah kshmām=arakshad=akhilām=Rita(tu)parnnah |||-22 |||- Iha samajani bhūpas=sarvva-lōk-aika-dīpah kshapi-
- 51 ta-bhuvana-tāpaś=śātrit'-āri-pratāpaḥ [|\*] ari-yuvati-vilāpas=sphārit-ōddāma-kōpas=satata-vijayi-chāpa[ḥ\*]-
- 52 sphīta-kīrttir=**Ddilīpaḥ** |||-23 |||- Asminn=amśa-chatushṭayēna bhagavān vamśē=janishṭa prabhuḥ klishṭām vĭkshya
- 53 vasundharām=atibalair=brashṭair = mahā-rākshasaiḥ {|\*} Rāmō Lakshmaṇa-saṁyutō=tha Bharataś=Śa|tru|ghna-
- 54 yuktas=tv=iti<sup>6</sup> dvandvam Vishņubhujā-yuga-dvaya-tulām=ūrjjasvalam yad=yayau ||||| 24 |||- Pitari tanaya-vṛitta-

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- 55 m bhrātṛishu bhrātṛi-vṛittam yuvatishu pati-vṛittam śātravē śa[tru]-vṛittam [[\*] munishu nṛipati-vṛittam bāndhavē bandhu-
- 56 vrittam sakalam<sup>7</sup>=akhila-nāthaś=sikshayāmāsa lõkam |||-25 |||- Na krödhēna jaghāna Rāk-shasa-patim kāmē-
- 57 na na prēyasīm sa pratyāhņītavān=mahīša-charitam kārtsnyēna chakrē param []\*] nō chēt kin=tapasi sthitam
- 58 sa Malayē śūdrañ=jaghān-āsinā kim v=ānatyaya-kānti-dhṛity-upachitān=tatyāja Sītām punaḥ^ |||-26 |||- Sētu-
- 59 n=nētum kapi-balam≈asau baddhavān°=naikam=abdhau chakrē vakrētara-guṇa-mdh#= dharmma-sē[tū]n=aśēshā-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> TAS has the same reading; but it should be corrected into Kauśckiy-arthanayam, as his been suggested above, Vol. XVIII, p. 36.

<sup>-</sup> TAS has āra[bdhē]=pi.

<sup>3</sup> TAS has nikarë.

<sup>4</sup> Read śātit-āri- as in TAS.

<sup>5</sup> Read =ddhrishtair= as in TAS.

<sup>6</sup> TAS has yukta[s=suta].

<sup>7</sup> The syllable ka is engraved above the line.

<sup>8</sup> TAS has [dru]ta[m] for punah.

I TAS has bandhayan for baddharan.

- 60 n []\*] kētum hētum vibudha-vipadām vyāpadā[n=dā]navīnām Rāmam kāmam kathayati janas=sadguņānān=nidhā-
- 61 nam |||-27 |||- Asmin-vamsē-jani vidaļayann-ōjasā bhūpa-yūthañ¹=**Chōļō** nā**ma** kshitipatir=atisphīta-
- 62 rājanya-kālaḥ [|\*] yasy=āśēshām=avanim=avatō rājadhānīm=iva svān² līl-ōdyānais=tulanam =adadhus³=sarvva-
- 63 taḥ kānanāni :[||-28 |||- Viharan sa Hara-prabhaḥ kadāchin=muni-bṛi(vṛi)nd-ādhyushitēshu kānanēshu [|\*] anayan¹
- 64 vinay-āśrayō, vihāra-pratilabdh-āvasarāṇi vāsarāṇi |||-29 |||- Kadāchana mṛiga-vraja- pramathana-pra-
- 65 galbh-ādaraś<sup>6</sup>-chachāra vipin-āntarēshv-anati-bhūri-sainyaḥ kshamī [[\*] tadā sa mṛiga-rūpiṇā jhaṭiti kēna-
- 66 chid-rakshasā hṛitō haritam=anvagāt prakṛiti-dakshiṇō dakshiṇām |||-30 |||- Mṛigan=tam=anugachchatā prajavi-
- 67 nā śanair=vvājinā piithu-druma-samākulam vipinam=anyad=āsāditam tam<sup>7</sup> []\*] tam=anyaur-anārata-pravitata-pra-
- 68 yāṇ-ōnmukhā javēna rabhas-ōtpatat-prithu-varūthinī-nāyakāḥ |||-31 |||- Tam hatvā rajanicharam
- 69 sa tatra bhūpaḥ Kāvērīm=anu vichachāra bhūri-chāraḥ [|\*] kshīr-āmbhōnidhi-mathanāt surair-avāptam pī-
- 70 yūsham bhuvi sahla-chehhalād=vahantīm :|||-32 |||- Tatra stā(snā)tvā dita(t)sur=artthan=dva(dvi)jēbhyō n=āpaśyat=tān=vaśya-
- 71 chittas=tadānīm [|\*] Āryyāvarttād=vipra-varyyān=udagrān<sup>8</sup>=ānīy=ā[syā] vāsayāmāsa<sup>9</sup> tīrē : |||-33 |||- Vipinam=a-
- 72 khilañ=chhitvā pūgais=chakāra vanam=mahat=tad-anu vidadhē dhīras=sāram sa-nāgalat-ākulam [|\*] upavana-chayai-

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- 73 r=anyair=ddhanyaiḥ Kavēra-sutā-taṭa-dvaya-vasumatīm=ēka-chchhāyām=anēka-phalām vyadhāt |||-34 |||- A-
- 74 mara-sariti snānam bhūyas=tapaś-charaṇañ=janā vidadhati taṭē tasyāḥ kṛichchhran=tri-vishṭapa-kāmyayā []\*] iha virachitam
- 75 snānam ghōran=tapaś=cha surālayād=api śubhatarē tīrē¹⁰vāsam sthirīkurutē satām |||-35 |||-Anvaśāt=tam=anu **Rā**-
- 76 jakēsarī vāsarādhipa iv=āsama-dyuti<br/>h [[\*] Chōļabhūpa-tanayō nay-ādhikaḥ kshōṇīm=ā-jaladhi bādhit-āhita<br/>[h]11

<sup>1</sup> TAS has rāja-brindañ=

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Read svām as in TAS.

<sup>3</sup> TAS has adadhan which is a wrong form.

<sup>4</sup> Read anayad= as in TAS.

<sup>\*</sup> TAS has vibudh-āśrayō instead of vinay-āśrayō.

<sup>•</sup> TAS has prabhu(phu)ll-ādara $\tilde{u}(\hat{s})=$ .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> This tam is superfluous.

<sup>\*</sup> TAS has a[nēkā]n instead of udagrān.

<sup>•</sup> TAS has =ādhyāvāsayāmāsa for =asyā vāsayāmāsa,

<sup>10</sup> TAS has v[āsē] instead of tīrē.

<sup>11</sup> TAS has tapit- instead of badhit-.

- 77 |||-36 |||- Tat-sutas=tu **Parakēsarī** nṛipō matsari-kshitipa--vīryya-śātanaḥ<sup>1</sup> ||\*] sat-sakhah kshitim-imām=apālavat(d)
- 78 bhartsit-āsura-nikāya²-vikramaḥ |||-37 |||- Asmin-vamsē **Mṛityujin**=nāma rājā mrityōr= jjētā pātit-ārāti-va-
- 79 rggaḥ [[\*] jajñē yajñaır=ājñayā va(cha) prakāman=dēvāh=chhatrūnins'=tōshayan bhrēshavanis'-cha :[[]-38 [[]- Asmin=vanisē Vī-
- 80 rasēn-ābhidhānō jātō nīt-āśēsha-lōk-ābhitāpah' [1\*] rējē rājā tējasā bhānu-tulvah kalyā-
- 81 ņānām- mandiram sundar-āmgaḥ |||-39 |||- **Chitrō** nāma kshitipatir-abhūt-tatra vamšē≠ dhika-śrīr=vvitrast-ā-
- 82 ri-prakara-vinati-vyakta-vichehhinna-kōpaḥ []\*] Vrittrārātir-jjhatiti samarē nirjjitō\* yasya bāṇair=mmitrī-
- 83 bhūtas=satatam=abhajat(d)=**Vyāghrakētu-**ddhvajatvam |||-40 |||- Avanim-akhıla-pārāvāra-dhī(tī)r-ābhirām-ōp**a**-
- 84 ratim=avirata-śrīś=śāsitum=nāśit-āriḥ [|\*] nija-bhuja-bala-līlā-kṛishṭa-rājanya-laksnmir=iha samajani vamśē bhū-
- 85 patih Pushpakētuḥ |||-41 |||- Asmin=vamšē Kētumāl-ābhidhānō jātō rāj=Ājātasatru-pra-
- 86 kāśaḥ<sup>6</sup> [[\*] hritvā sarvva-kshmābhritām kētu-mālām yēn=āvāptam Kētumāl-ābnīdhānam ||[-42]|]- Samudraji-
- 87 **n**=nāma narādhirājō babhūva vamsē=tra visāla-vīryyaḥ [[\*] pūrvv-āpar-āmɒnōnidhi-ni(mi)sranēna panēna Madrē-
- 88 śa-sutām sa lēbhē :|||-43 |||- Śrīmaty=atra kulē babhūva mahita-śrīḥ Pañchap-āknyō nṛipō nirvvyāj-āti-
- 89 thi-pūjan-ōrjjita-manā yakshān sa panch=ātithīn [[\*] vidhyā(ddhvā) pancha sirās=svaśōnitam-asau tair-yāchitas-sa-\*
- 90 tvara|m] kõshna[n=ta]t sakalän=apäyayad=atas=tat-pälanät Pañchapah |||-44 |||-44 |||- Abhavad=vibhavair=jjavan=digi-

#### Fourth Plate: First Side.

- 91 śān-iha vamśē nripatis-sitāmśu-kāntah [[\*] Dramidas\*=sa Mridasya samprasādād-ajayan=mritvum=anatvaya-
- 92 prabhāvaḥ |||-45 |||- Atr=ābhū[d-a\*]mala-guṇaḥ kulē-tula-śrīs=tējasvī samiti **Manōrath-** ābhidānaḥ []\*] yō hatvā
- 93 jhatiti manõrathān arīṇām bandhünām akuruta sat-phalān balēna: |||-46 |||- Ētasmiu Parunetkiļi-
- 94 prabhritayō vamśē dharādhīśvarā bhūyāmsas±tulit-Āmarēśvara-bala-śśrī(śrī)-vikramā jajnīrē [[\*] yēshām=ā-ja-
- 95 ladhi kshamām samavatām'" vyāptam yašōbhiš subhair=ā-brahmāṇḍa[m=a]khaṇḍa-dēśa-samavam višvañ=jagad=rājatē : |||-47 |||-

<sup>1</sup> TAS has matsa[rītam=a]nīvāryya-śāsanah.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The corresponding reading in TAS is uncertain.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Here n is superfluous. Read =chhatr $\bar{u}ms$ =

<sup>4</sup> TAS has lok-āhita[ś-cha].

<sup>5</sup> TAS has tarijito.

<sup>6</sup> TAS has jāta-śam[pā-pra]kāśah.

<sup>7</sup> TAS has [paṇyē]na..... śa-sutām [sa]lō[bhalı].

<sup>8</sup> TAS has sādaram.

<sup>&</sup>quot; TAS has nrimridas=.

<sup>10</sup> TAS has sapatana-, which is ill-suited in the present context.

- 96 Asmin kulē kula-dharādhara-sannikāśaḥ kāś-ōpamāna-vitat-ōru-yaśaḥ-pratānaḥ [|\*] āsīt kshitīśa-tilakaḥ Ka-
- 97 rikāla-nāmā Chōlas=samuddhata¹-ripu-kshitīpāla-kālaḥ |||-48 |||- Sa Kāvērīn=dūrīkrita-sakala-sasyām vidadhatīm
- 98 payaḥ-pūrais=sphārair=avanim=avinīt-ōddhati-haraḥ [|\*] pratīrībhūtābhir=nnarapati-śira-[ḥ\*]-ślishṭa-piṭaka-prakīrṇṇābhir=mmṛit(d)bhir=nnyaru-
- 99 [nad=A]run-āgrēsara-samam(maḥ): | | |-49 | | |- Asmin kulē sakala-pārtthiva-vandya-pādō jātō=bhijāta-guna-sam-
- 100 hati- bṛimhita-śrīḥ [|\*] ūrjjasval-ōt(d)bhata-nıj-āpratima-pratāpas=santāpit-āri-śalabhō
  Vaļabhō mahīśaḥ |||-
- 101 50 |||- Ih=ānvayē=bhūd=Amaréśa-tulyaḥ parāsta-vidvaj-jana-tāpa-śalyaḥ [|\*] samasta-rājānaka-bhūri-vallabhah²
- 102 kshamādhināthō Jagadēkamallaḥ |||-51 |||- Vanišē -sminn=ari-rāja-vandita pada-dvandvāravindah kshamī rājā Vyāļabhayam-
- 103 karaḥ samabhavat sūnōs=samānō ravēḥ [|\*| dōr-ddaṇḍ-āñchita-khaḍga-khaṇḍita-ripōr= yasy=ōrjjita-śrī-jushaḥ
- 104 köp-āgni[r\*=]dvishad-amgan-āśru-salilais=siktaḥ param śāmyati :|||-52 |||- Anvayē=tra Vijayālaya-nāmā sārvvabhūma³
- 105 sakala-kshiti-nāthaḥ [|\*] yat-pad-āmburuha-yugmam=ajasram śēkharīkṛitam=aśēsha- mahī-śaih |||-53 |||- Nivēśayām[ā]-
- 106 sa sa Chōļa-dēśē nivēśit<sup>4</sup>-āśēsha-guṇa-pravṛiddhām [|\*] Kañjāsan-ādyair=amaraiḥ pragītā**ñ**=
  Tañchāpurī-nāma pu-
- 107 rīn=narēndraļ |||-54 |||- Adityavanmā(rmm=ā)bhavad=asya putraļ Kōdaņḍarām-ābhitayāļ prasiddhaļ [|\*] utplutya matta-dvirad-ēndra-
- 108 samsthañ=jaghāna yaḥ Pallavarājam=ājau : |||-55 |||- Asy=ābhūt=tanayaḥ parākramavatām= ēkādhipaḥ kshmā-

#### Fourth Plate: Second Side.

- 109 bhujām vīraśrī-nilayaḥ Parāntaka iti khyātaḥ kshamādhīśvaraḥ [|\*] vēl-ōdyāna-vihāribhir=mmadakaļair=yyaṁ<sup>6</sup> vā-
- 110 raņ-ādhīśvarair=vvāsyantē mada-sindhubhih pratidišam pāthāmsi pāthōnidhēḥ |||-56 |||- Ha-
- 111 tv=āśu Pāṇḍyam=akbilēna balēna sākam hṛitvā tadīyam=akhilam vasu vīryaśālī [|\*] bhasmīchakāra Ma-
- 112 dhurām yad=adhaḥ-kṛit-ārir=llēbhē "natas=sa Madhurāntaka-nāmadhēyam |||-57 |||- Yaj= jigāya Vijay-ōpama-
- 113 dyutiḥ Kṛishṇarājam=ajitan=narādhipaiḥ [|\*] bhūri-vīkrama-vivarddhita-dyutir=Vīra-Chōļa iti tēna kīrttyatē |||-58 |||- Yat=tī-
- 114 rņņair=jjalanidhim=uddhatai<br/>[r\*]=bal-aughais=saṃyattān samiti jaghāna Siṃhaļēśān [|\*] tat=sarvva-kshitipa-
- 115 ti-vandyamāna-pādas=sō=nvartthām=abhajata Simhaļāntak-ākhyām |||-59 |||- Dṛishṭāntaḥ kō=sya rājñas=sakala-guṇa-

<sup>1</sup> TAS has samutthita.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> TAS has rājāntaka-bhūri-bhallah.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Read sambabhūva as in TAS.

<sup>4</sup> TAS has navīnat-āśēsha-.

<sup>·</sup> Read=ābhidhayā.

<sup>•</sup> Read = $yyad=v\bar{a}^{\circ}$  as in TAS.

<sup>7</sup> Read tatas = as in TAS.

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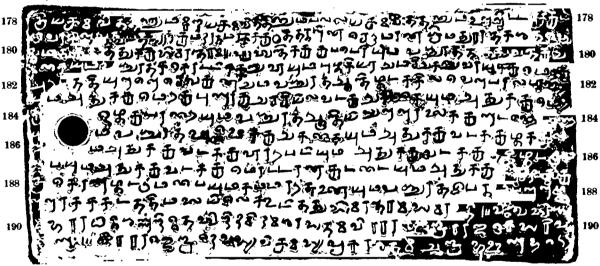


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- 116 nidhēś=śaknuyāt kō=sya vaktum bhūya[ḥ\*] ślāghyān guṇ-aughān=upaśamita-ripōr=vvikram-aik-āspadasya [|\*]
- 117 yō vit(d)vat(d)-vipra-bhōgyān=anupama-vibhavān=Vīranārāyaṇ-ādyān=atyagryān=agrahārān=vyadhita vidhir=iva sva-
- 118 rggam=ast-āri-varggaḥ |||-60 |||- Amushya tanayō=bhavat(d) vibhur= Arindam-ākhyō nripah kshapākara-sama-dyuti[h] kshapi-
- 119 ta-vairi-paksh-õtkaraḥ [l\*] yadīya-bhuja-vikrama-śravaṇa-sambhavat- sāddha(sādhva)sair= nnripair=avanibhrit(d)-guhā-griha-ni-
- 120 vāsibhi[ḥ] sthīyatē |||-61|||- Asakrid=akrita rājñas=svairam=ājñā-vidhēyām=vyadhita Vidhi-samānas=sam-
- 121 padam sajjanānām ||\*] atanuta nuta-vīryyō vyāpadam śātravāṇām-atulayad-atula-śrīś⇒ chandra-kāntim sva-kāntvā: |||-
- 122 62 |||- Asya sūnur-abhavat **Parāntakas**-santata-kshapīta-vairi-santatiḥ [|\*] chintayan= vad=udavam sa-sādhvasah
- 123 Pāṇḍya-bhūpatir=alaṅghayat(d) girim |||-63 |||- Chakāra kārāsu ripūn=aśēshāṃs=tatāra bhūrīn samar-ām-
- 124 burāšīn [|\*] jahāra tāpam budha-samhatīnān-tatāna santāpam-asajjanānām |||-64 |||-Akhila-guna-
- 125 nidhānāt(d)=bhūmipālād=amushmād=udajani naranāthō **Rā**ja**rā**j-ābhidhānaḥ [[\*] sa khalu ruchira-dēhaḥ kānta-nē-
- 126 tr-āravindō Dhanada iti param yad=Rājarājēna tulyaḥ |||-65 |||- Sanjahāra samarē sa pārt-thiyān=u-

# Fifth Plate; First Side.

- 127 jjahāra vipadas sa bhūtaļāt [!\*] ājahāra cha makhān=anēkašō vyājahāra yad=asūnṛitan= na tat |||-66 |||-
- 128 Saty-āśrayē sthiratarē bata Rājarājē Satyāśrayaḥ kila palāyata manda-buddhiḥ [[\*] natyā jayanti
- 129 sa-bhayā ripavas-tam=ājau na tyājayaty=ayam=asūn=aribhiś=śriyas=taiḥ |||-67 |||- Tasya
- 130 nur=anayasya śāsitā Pākaśāsana iv=āri-śāsanaḥ [|\*] Śan,barāri-ruchir-ākṛitir=nnṛipas= sambabhū-
- 131 va Madhurāntak-ābhidhaḥ |||-68 |||- Ajayad=ajīta-vīryyaś=śauryya-saundaryya-śālī Vijaya iva sapa-
- 132 nnā(tnā)n Kunda(nta)ļānām=adhīśān []\*] aharata sa kirīṭam kshatriyāṇān=nihantu[ḥ] prasabham=abhihat-ārir=jJāmada-
- 133 [gnya]sya vīryyāt |||-69 |||- Jahāra hāran=tuhināmšu-kāntam Satakratōr=vvikrama-nirjji-tāriḥ [|\*] vihā-
- 134 ra-bhūmin-nija-sainikānām sa ch-ākarōt samyati Mānyakēṭam |||-70 |||- Sva-sēnādhīśā-
- 135 n-apratihata-Kulūt-Ōtkalapatiḥ Kalimgān=Varigēndrais¹-saha bahaļa-vīryyān vidaļayan [[\*] sa
- 136 Gamgām=ut(d)garjjan=nija-kari-ghaṭā-ghātita²-taṭān(n)-ghaṭair=jahrē bhūbhṛm-makuṭa-nihitair=uddhṛi-
- 137 ta-jalām |||-71 |||- Ullamgbit-āmbudhibhir=uddhata-bāhu-vīryyair-nnirddhūta-[vai]ri-nara-nātha-bala-prapañchaiḥ [|\*]

<sup>1</sup> TAS has Vimś-ēndraih, which has been rightly guessed to be meant for Vang-ēndraih, above, Vol. XVIII, p. 45, n.

<sup>2</sup> TAS has pātita.

- 138 sainyair=ddadāha sa Kaṭāham=adaddha(gdha)m=anyai Rajēndra-Chôla-nṛipatiḥ kim=asāddhyam=asya:|||-72 |||- Tasy=ā-
- 139 sams=tanayās=trayas=traya iva khyātāḥ kratōr=agnayaḥ¹s=tēshān=tu prathamaḥ kshitīśa-tilakō Rājādhirā-
- 140 jō nṛipaḥ [|\*] yaḥ Kalyāṇapuran=dadāha nṛipatīn=nirjjitya Karnnāṭakān=ādāy=Āhavamallavāraṇa-ghaṭām Kō-
- 141 llāpuraň=ch=ākshiṇōt |||-73 |||- Tasmin gatē tridivam=uddhṛita-lōka-śōkas=tasy=ānujaḥ kshitim=imām=akhi-
- 142 lām=arakshat [|\*] Rājēndradēva-nṛipatis=sa ripūn=aśēshān Śēsh-ōpam-ōt(d)bhaṭa-bhujaḥ praļayam vyanai-
- 143 shīt |||-74 |||- Tasmin=yātē tridivam=anujas=tasya nistējit-āriḥ prājyam rājyam vyadhita vidhivat(d)-Vīrarā-

# Fifth Plate; Second Side.

- 144 j**ēndradēvaḥ** [|\*] atyut(d)bhūtam samadhika-balō Rājarājēndradēvaś=śatru-vrātam vya-javata javāt(d)-bāhyam=ā-
- 145 bhyantarañ=cha:|||-75 |||- Hatvā Kūṭala-saṃgamē kshitibhṛitaḥ Karnnāṭa²-vaṁś-ōt(d)-bhavān saṇyaṃ yajñabhujām prava-
- 146 rddhayati yas-tair-ddēvabhūyam gataiḥ [|\*] yēn-aikēna gajēna Kuntaļa-balan-nirhatya ta-ch-chhōṇitaiḥ kṛitv-ānyām sa-
- 147 ritam samudra-paritām³ santōshitō vāridhiḥ |||-76 |||- Bhrātribhyām samupēkshitañ=jana-padam vamśa-kram-ābhyāga-
- 148 tam krāntam vairi-mahīśvarair-atibalair-vVēmgīn(n)-Kali|m]gān-api||\*] jitvā śatru-param-parām-atibalām bhitvā cha
- 149 durgga(rggā)n<sup>4</sup> bahūñ=cha<sup>5</sup> śrīmān-Vallabha-Vallabhaḥ kshitipatiḥ kshēmēṇa taṁ sō=nvaśāt |||-77 |||- Vīrachōļa-nṛipatiḥ Kari-
- 150 kālaḥ kālayan kali-balaṁ sakaļaṁ saḥ ||\*| dharmma-śāsana-samuchchayam-uchchaṁ vyātanōt(d)-Bharatasāra-samētam |||-
- 151 78 |||- Dēvasy-Ādrisutādhipasya mahatas=Trailōkyasār-ābhidham śrīmad-Dabhrasabhā-naṭasya makuṭē māṇikka(kya)m=ā-
- 152 röpitam [[\*] manyē vairikul-ādimasya śaśmaś=Śrīkaṇṭha-chūḍāmaṇēr-bhaṃg-ārtthan=nija-vaṁśakṛit sa bha-
- 153 gavān bhānus samārōpitam(taḥ) |||-79 |||- Chōļa-Tuṇḍīra-Pāṇḍyēshu Gaṁgavāṭi-Kulūta-yōḥ [l\*] Vī-
- 154 rarājēndra-nāmn-āsau brahmadēyān-akalpayat |||-80 |||- Chatvārimsat-sahasrāņi brāhma-
- 155 nānān=trayīvidda(dā)m [|\*] atōshayat(d)=bhūmi-dānair=ā(a)sthāpayad=adi(ti)sthiram [||-81 |||-8 Sakalabhuvanāśra-
- 156 ya śrī-mēdinīve[l\*]labha Mahārājādhirāja Paramēśvara Parama®paṭṭāraka Ravikula-tilaka Chōļakula-śē-
- 157 khara Pāṇḍyakul-āntaka Āhavamalla-kula-kāla Ahavamallaṇai aimmaḍi veṇ-kaṇḍa Rāja-śēkhara Rājāśra-

<sup>1</sup> Here the visarga is redundant. Read agnayas=.

<sup>\*</sup> TAS has mannāta.

<sup>3</sup> Read camudra-vanitām as in TAS.

<sup>4</sup> TAS has bhītān.

<sup>5</sup> Here cha is redundant : read bahān.

<sup>6</sup> Read' bhattaraka.

- 158 ya Rājarājēndra Vīra-chōļa Karikāla-chōļa Rājakēsaripanma šrīmat-Vīrarājēndradēva Rājakēsari
- 159 śrī-Vīrarājēndradēvarkku yāṇḍu ēļāvadu Śakābdan=toļāyirattu-ttoṇṇūrroṇru mē-
- 160 ṛ-Saumya-sam[va]tsarattu [+\*] Vīramēy tuņaiyāgavun=tiyāgamēy-aṇiyāgavuñ=cheṅgōl= ōchchi-kkaruń-
- 161 gali kadındu Tennanai-ttalai-kondu Chēranai ttigai-kondu Śnigaladēśam vadip-
- 162 paduttu vengalatt-Āhavamallanai aimmadi ven-kandu Vēngai-nādu mīttu-

## Sixth Plate: First Side.

- 163 kkondu tannudan-piranda munnavar virada-mudittu vandu-paninda Vijayādittarkku² ma-
- 164 ndalam aruli-kkalal adainda mannarkku-k[**Kadāra**]m erindu kudutt-aruli **Sōmīšvaraņai** ...k-
- 165 Kannadadēśań kaiyvida-tturatti ttann-adainda Śalukku³ Vikramādittanai endiśai niga-
- 166 la-kkandigai-katti Irattapādi ēļarai-ilakkamum-erindu koduttaruļi vijava-si-
- 167 mhāsanattu Ulagamuļududaiyāļodum vīgrirund=aruļina 'šakravattigaļ śrī...Vīrarā-
- 168 j**ēndradēvar** muņaț-Chaļukkiyai Muḍakkārril mudugu-kaṇḍu muṇiv ariya Iraṭṭarāja-ku-
- 169 la-kālan igal Vīrarājēndran puyan-kondu podu-nīkkiy-āļkmra Javangon-
- 170 dasola-mandalattus Eyir-köttattu nagaram Kanchipurattu Udaivar Ti-
- 171 ruvēgambam=Udaiyār köyilil=ttenpakkattu tiruvolakka-mandapam Rā-
- 172 jarājaņil muņbil tirukkāvaņattu eļundaruļi Uttaram-ayana-samkrānti nāņru
- 173 dānañ-cheydaruļāniņru [|\*] muḍi-kavitta muhūrttamē muhūrttam-āgav=eḍuttup-pōy vaḍiko-
- 174 |-vērpadai Vīrarājēndran vada-Kūdal-samgamattu-ppōr=Āhavamallanaiyum makkaļai-
- 175 yum purangandu konda Iraţţapādi-kondaśola-mandalattu-pPuli-nāţţu=chChēram=ā-
- 176 na śri-Madurantaka-śaturvedimangalattu Brahmanan Atreya-gotrattu
- 177 Bahudhānya-sūtrattu Rishīkēśava Bhatta-Somayāśi(ji)vār vargattu So(Śrō)-

#### Sixth Plate; Second Side.

- 178 triya-Kramavittanum Mundaya-Kramavittanum Pallaya-Kramavittanum ullittärkkum
- 179 ivargaļ anvayattārkkum dānamāga-kkuduttaruļiņa Chērām=āṇa śrī-Madurāntaka-śa-(cha)turvvē-
- 180 dimangalattukku simantaram III- pürvandikku Kupperiyum paschat Nattuvan-kuru-
  - 1 Read adippaduttu.
  - <sup>2</sup> Read Vijayādittarku.
  - 3 Read Salukki.
  - 4 Read chakravarttigal.
- <sup>5</sup> Jayangondašõla-mandalam is similarly described in another record of Vīrarājēndra dated in the 7th year from Perumber (S. I. I., Vol. III, p. 203). For a variant see f. n. 3 on same page.
  - Read chaturvēdio.
  - 7 Read Bödhayana-sütrattu.
  - \* Read Hrishīkēśa-Bhatta-.

- 181 kkaiyum paśchāt=kKoţţikkaņuvāyum Puļugiyārum Śirukaņuvāykku mērku
- 182 Arpūndiy-ullē Šengunrum paschāt Andimudakkil Vauvāl-pārai-
- 183 vum adukku merku Punarkuruchchiyil Vada-kurukkaiyum adukku mer-
- 184 ku Olugu-pāraiyum paśchāt Āndiyiluļļālai-kKuņdarai-pārai-
- 185 yum paśchāt Ūshai-kkurukkaiyum adukku vadakku alukkal-
- 186 lum adukku vadakku Vāļraļgpadiyum adukku vadakku Tanimuṭṭu-ma-
- 187 [dai]yum adukku vadakku Mōtṭān-kuṭṭaiyum adukku-kkilakku
- 188 Trikona-muṭṭu-maḍaiyum Kammara(ra)-sunaiyum paschat Perumballam-u-
- 189 | laga-kkadatti-malaiyile kūdittu [|\*] sīmāntaram samāpti | | Viśvair=vviśva-
- 190 mbharādhīśair-ṇṇanditair<sup>2</sup>-vvandida(ta)m-idam [|\*] śāsanam **Vī**rar**ājēndra-**Rāja-kēsariva-
- 191 rmmaṇaḥ ||| [82|||\*] Vīrarājēndradēvasya vikramasya prakāśanam [|\*] Chandrabhū-shaṇa-Bhattē-

## Seventh Plate; First Side.

- 192 na rachitam śuddha-buddhinā | [83] [83] Tiruvāymoļindaruļa i=śāsanañ=cheyvit-
- 193 tār Adikārigaļ tiru mēvumpadi-viļanga-ttēr-vēndar=adi-vaņanga paļi-nīkki
- 194 ulag-anda viran Vi[ra\*]rajēndran aļiyā-ttol-Maņu-neriyāl vaļarkkinga
- 195 Sõla-mandalattu Kshatril ya\* jsikamani-valanattu-tTirunagaivur-nattu-pParakesa-
- 196 rinallur kilavan Gunanidi-Arulmoliyār=āna Mīnavan-Mūvēndavēlār ||| Tiru-
- 197 mandira-őlai Jayangondasőla-valanāṭṭu=kKurumbūr-nāṭṭu brahmadēyan=Kā-
- 198 yākkudi Gu(Ku)ņdina-gotrattu Āpastambha(ba)-sūtrattu Toņamayan Pāpanāśa-
- 199 n-āna Vīraśrīvallabha-Brahmādhirājan [] Nittavinoda-vaļanāttu Vīraśola-va-
- 200 ļanāttu Śēndamangalam udaiyān Aruļmoļi Rājēndraśōlan=āna Jana-
- 201 nāda-Viļupparaiyan || |- Sāmānyō-yam dharmmam-ēta|n\*]-nripāṇām' kālē kālē
- 202 pālinīyō4 bhavat(d)bhis(bhiḥ) [[\*] tasmād=ētān bhāvinaḥ pārtthivēndrān bhūyō bhūyō yācha-
- 203 tē Rāmabhadra[ḥ\*] ||| [84|||\*]- Sukritam=idam=ajasram rakshyatē dishu dīšān sakala-nri-pr]ti-vandvas=sō=
- 204  $\sin \left( {{{\rm agamino}} \right.} {\rm vah} \left[ {\left[ * \right]} \right]$  Hara-charaṇa-sarōttvainsa-chihnēna mūrddhā-mu[ka]ļīta-kara-panmō
- 205 vandyatē Rājarājaḥ [H-[85]]\*\*] Bahubhir-vvasudhā dattam' rājabhis-Sagarādibhiḥ [[\*] vasya yasva yadā
- 206 bhūmis=tasya tasya tadā phalam [[[86]]]\*] Pariņatan adhišavam Madhurāntaka-Brahmā-dhirājan=a-

#### Serenth Plate; Second Side.

- 207 [tanva] śāsanam=ēva dēśa-madhyē sva-pati-kārya-vinišchyārttham buddhiḥ krita [Śaśi]-bhūshaṇa-
- 208 paṇḍitēna sārddham [] [87][]\*] Tiruvāymolind-aruļa i-šāsana-eļuttu veṭṭi-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> It is possible that the expression Kadatti malaiyilē, may be the name of a hill, or it may mean 'having traversed (kadandu), it terminated (kūdittu) at a hill (malai), which may have been a landmark in that locality, without however, having a specific name.

<sup>2</sup> Read =nanditair.

<sup>3</sup> The correct reading is dharma-sētur=nripānām.

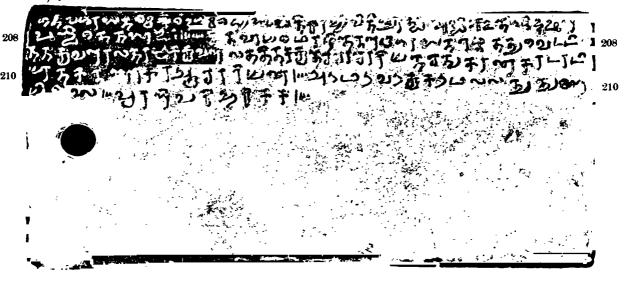
<sup>\*</sup> Read pālanīyō.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The verse is defective; and the following corrections may be suggested: dikshv=adhīśāh; nripati; sarōjōtta-msa-chinhēna mūrddhnā; mukuļita; padmō; vandatē. The metre is Mālinī. |The intended reading of the first quarter appears to be: Sukritam=idam=ajasram rakshat=ēti kshitīšān.—B.C.C.|

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Read dattā.

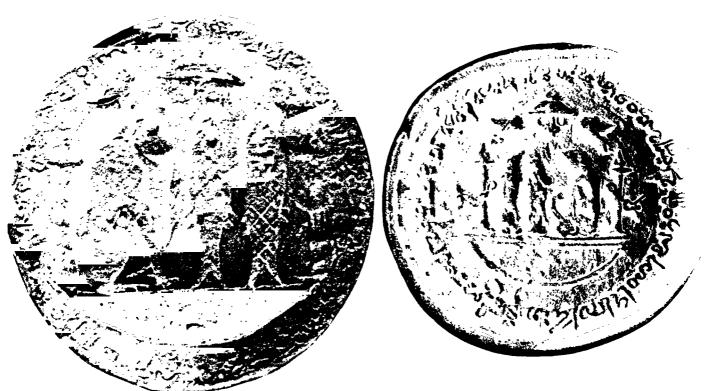
<sup>7</sup> This verse is also corrupt, but no corrections are suggested.

CHARALA PLATES OF VIRARAJENDRADEVA; SAKA 991 AND 7TH YEAR. (III). vii,b.



SEAL OF THE CHARALA PLATES.

SEAL OF THE
MADRAS MUSEUM PLATES OF UTTAMA-CHOLA.



From photographs (ABOUT ACTUAL SIZE).



- 209 něn Kuvalāla-nāttu-kKuvalālatt-irukkun-Tachchāchārīvan Šankaran Kādādi-
- 210 y-āna Karuņākara-Āchāriyan ara-maravarkka [1\*] [a\*]gamalladu tuņai-
- 211 villai []], Prāņi pariharikka .

#### TRANSLATION.

(Lines  $1-155)^4 = 8ansknit reises 1 to 81.$ 

- (Ll. 155-158) Hail ' Prosperty ! Sakalabhavanā saaga, Srīmī denī rallabha. Mahārā pādherā ja. Paramē śvara. Paramā hatā inka. the forehead mark of the solar race (Racikula-tilka), the crest-jewel of the Chōļa family (Chōļabala-sēkhara). Death to the Pāṇḍya family (Pāṇḍyakal-āntaka), Death to the family of Āhavamalla (Āhavamallakula-kāla), the foremost of kings, who saw the back of Āhavamalla five times. Rāṇā saaja. Rāṇarājēndra. Vīra-Chōļa. Karikāla-Chōļa. Rājakēsarivarman śrī-Vīrarājēndradēva
- (Ll. 159-167) In the seventh (equal) year (corresponding to the) Saka year nine hundred and ninety-one (expect) and the (equal) year Saumya, of (this) Chakravarttigal. Rājakēsari śrī-Vīrarājēndradēva who, with heroisu, as (his) help, with liberality as (his) only ornament, wielded the sceptre, and dispelled the dark Kali (-age), took the head of Teṇṇavan (equal), the Pāṇḍya king), levied tribute from the Chēra (hing), subdued the Siṅgala country, saw the back of Āhavamalia five times on the fierce battlefield, recovered Vēṅgai-nāḍu and (thus) fulfilled the vow of his elder brothers who were born with him, gave the territory to Vijayādītya who came and submitted to him, gave Kaḍāram after conquest to the (Kaḍāram) king who had approached his feet (i.e., submitted to him), routed Sōmēśvara so as to abandon the Kannaḍa country, invested the Chāļukya Vikramādītya with the necklet (kanthikai) so as to shine in the eight directions and bestowed on him the Iraṭṭapāḍi-Seven-and-a-half-lakh country, after conquest, and was pleased to be seated on the throne of victory, together with (his) consort Ulagamuļududaiyāl:
- (Ll. 168-180) while (three warlike Vīrarājēndra, the god of Death to the family of the Raṭṭa king, whose anger abated only after seeing the back of the obstinate Chalukki on (the bank of) the Muḍakkāru, was pleased to be seated in the frontal portion of the audience-hall called Rājarājan in the southern portion of the temple of god Tiruvēgambam-Uḍaiyār at Kāñchīpuram, a nagaram in Eyir-kōṭṭam. (a sab-division) in Jayaṅgoṇḍaśōḷa-maṇḍalam, which is ruled over (by the king), having been conquered by the strength of his arm and made his exclusive property, and was pleased to offer gifts on the day of Uttarāyaṇa-saṅkrānti.
- (he) gave to the Brāhmans Śrōtriya-Kramavittan, Mundaya-Kramavittan and Pallaya-Kramavittan and others and their descendants of the rarga (lineage) of Rishīkēśava-(Hṛishīkēśa)-Bhaṭṭa-Sōmāyājiyār of the Ātiēya-gōtra and Bahudhānya(Baudhāyana)-sūtra, a Brāhman (resident) of Chērām alias Madhurāntaka-chaturvēdimangalam.
- (the village) Chērām alas srī-Machurāntaka-chaturvēdimangalam in Puli-nāḍu, (a sub-division) of Raṭṭapāḍikoṇḍaśōla-maṇḍalam, which was captured after seeing the back of Āhavamalla and his sons in the battle on the bank of the northern Kūḍal-Saṅgamam, when (he). Vīrarājēndra of the beautiful spear started out on the auspicious moment in which he was (himazli) crowned.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> These Sanskrit verses have been ably translated by Mr. K. V. Subrahmanya Ayyar in *Trav. Archl. Series*, Vol. III. pp. 150 ff. and by Mr. T. A. Gopinatha Rao in *ante*, Vol. XVIII, pp. 48 ff.

- (Li 180-189) The boundary (of the reliage) ran to the east (of Kuppērt, then Nattuvankurukkar, then Kottikkaņuvāy then Pulugiyāru and Šengunru in Arpundi which is to the west of Sunkamuvāy, then (the rock called) Vauvālpārai in Āndimuḍakku; Vaḍakurukkar in Puṇarkuruchic to the west of it: (the rock) Olugupārai to the west of it, then Kuṇḍaraipārai (rock) in Āndi; ther Ūshaikkurukkar; to the north of it Mukkallu to the north of it Vāraipaḍi to the north of it Tanimuṭtu-maḍai (shrieg), to the north of it (the pend called) Mōṭṭār kuṭṭar, to the east of it Trikōnamuṭṭu-maḍai (shrieg) and Kammāra-šunai (spring); and then passing through and inclusive of Perumballam, it reached the hall—The boundary (hine) ends (thus)
- (c. 82) This (is the) order of Vîrarêjêndra-Rājakêsariyarınan which is horanted by all the happy kings of this earth
- (v. 83) This (paneggrae, illuminating the prowess of Vîrarârêndradêva, was composed by the pate-minded Chandrabhūshana-Bhatta.
- Li 192-196) At the order (if the length this grant was ansed to be issued to the officer (Adhot ārajā) Guṇanidi-Aruļmoliyār abus Mīnavaṇ-Mūvēndavēļār, the kilaran of Parakēsarinallār in Tirunaraiyūr-nādu. (a sab-dresson) of Kshatrivasikhāmani-vaļanādu. (a district) of Šōlamaṇḍalam, which was prospering in accordance with the eternal and ancient laws of Manu, under Vīrarājēndra, the hero who is resplendent with the goddess of wealth, who is worshipped by the charioted kings and who rules the earth suppressing evil.
- (Ll 197-201) The Tirumandra-ölar (arre) Tönamayan-Pāpanāsan alias Vīrašrīvallabha-Brahmādinrājan of the Kundina-götra and the Āpastamba-sātra of Kāvākkudi, a brahmadēga in Kupumbūr-nādu, (a sab-dirisian) of Jayańgonolaśōla-valanādu, and Aruļmoli-Rājēndrašōtan alias Jananāda-Viļupparaiyan of Śēndamańgolam in Vīrašōla-vaļanādu, (a sab-divisian) of Nittavinōda-vaļanādu.
  - (x 84) Imprecatory
- (v, 85) "Let this charity be protected by the future kings of all the dominions" thus does king R5 jarāja, who is worshipped by all the kings and whose lotus-like hands are cooped (v prayer), supplicate with his head marked with the ornan ent in the shape of the lotus-feet of Hara.
  - (v. 86) Imprecatory.
- (Ll 206-II) In collaboration with Sasibhūshaņa-Paṇḍita, this excellent charter was completed by Madhurāntaka-Brahmādhirāja, so that the royal gift may be known in this territory
- 1. Śańkaran-Kāḍāḍi alius Kaiuṇākara-Āchāriyan, the Master-corpenter (Tuchchāchāriyan) and a resident of Kuvalļāam in Kuvalļāa-nāḍu, cut (engraved) the letters of this royal charter.

Do not forget charity, there is no support other than charity. Let all sentient beings protect (this gift)

# No. 26. -DATE OF THE PANDAVA KINGS OF SOUTHERN KOSALA.

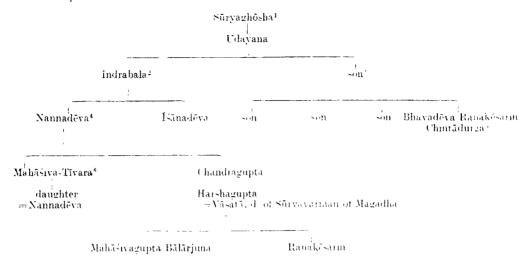
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The dynasty of the Pāṇḍavas of the Lunar race, ruling in Southern Kōsala for about a century and a half. is known to us from eight inscriptions on stone and copper-plates.<sup>2</sup> It is

<sup>1</sup> Kanaray is probably kanaray, a rayine between two hills

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> To the list given in D. R. Bhandarkar's List of Inscriptions of Northern India, p. 229, add Mallar plates of Mahi'sivagupta, above. Vol. XXIII, p. 113.

perhaps desirable for the purpose of the present note to reproduce there the genealogy derived from these inscriptions:



The date of these kings is anything but certain. Kielhorn tentatively proposed to place them in the eighth and ninth centuries  $\Lambda$  D. on some a proper grounds. This date has been responsible for a theory that has gained some popularity,  $\phi z$ , the Chandragupta mentioned in the Sanjān plates of Amēghavarsha as having been defeated by the Rāshtrakūra king Gōvinda III (c  $\Lambda$ , D. 793-814) is to be identified with the Pāṇḍava king of that name. It is overlooked that the Sanjān plates deal with the conquests of Gōvinda in a strictly chronological and regional order (more certainly than the Allahābād pillar inscription of Samudragupta). The mention of Chandragupta along with Nāgabbata and the separate recounting of Kōsala make it definite that it is not the Pāṇḍava king who is intended there."

Of late some scholars have tried to establish that Tivaradeva, an important king of the. Pandava line, ruled in the first half of the sixth century A.D.<sup>10</sup>. The object of this note is to show that such an early dating is not possible on palaeographical grounds.

A main contention of the latter set of scholars is that Süryavarman, the Varman king of Magadha whose daughter Väsatā was married to Harshagupta the nephew of Tīvara, was no other than the Maukhari of that name, who, as a prince, rebuilt a temple of Siva in

<sup>&</sup>quot;It is not definitely known whether he was an ancestor of Udayana.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> He is probably referred to under the veil of a metaphor in the Bhandak inscription, J.R.4.8. 1905, p. 631, n. 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> There is nothing to show that he ever became king.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>I am inclined to think that Nannādhrāja mentioned in the Bhāndak inscription (hie, cd., n. 624) is no other than this Nannadēva, his mention being necessary owing to the fact that he was ruling when his cousin Bhavadēva repaired the monasteries mentioned in the miscription.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> He is referred to as nripa in line 10 of the Bhandak inscription.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>He is probably the elder brother of Chandiagupta referred to in line 5 of the Sirpui inscription, above, Vol. XI, p. 190.

<sup>7</sup> Above, Vol. IV, p. 257.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Above, Vol. XVIII, p. 240.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>Cf. Mirashi, above, Vol. XXII, p. 21, n. 5.

<sup>10</sup> Mirashi, above, Vol. XXII, p. 19: Mirashi and Pandeya, above, Vol. XXIII, p. 113.

A D. 554. But, as I have said elsewhere, this identification is highly doubtful, for (1) it is by no means certain that the Maukhari Süryavarman ever came to the throne, as his name is not mentioned in the Asīrgaḍh and Nālandā seals of the Maukharis, and as no coins belonging to him have as yet been found, and (2) whereas the Süryavarman of the Sirpur inscription is called king of Magadha, the Maukharis of the line of Harivarman were never a characteristically Magadhan dynasty, their headquarters being at Kanauj.

It is now practically certain<sup>3</sup> that the Sarabhapura line, consisting of Prasannamātra, his sons Mahājayarāja and Mānamātra, and Mānamātra's sons Mahāsudēvarāja and Mahāpravararāja, preceded and not followed the Pāṇḍava kings in Southern Kōsala. Professor Mirashi holds that Mahāpravararāja (who issued his Thākurdiyā plates from Śrīpura) ruled in the first half of the sixth century and was ousted by Tīvara, whom, as has been said above, he proposes to place in A.D. 530. It is, however, not possible to subscribe to this view: the Khārōd inscription of Indrabala and Išānadēva<sup>4</sup> shows that even before Tīvara the Pāṇḍavas were masters of much the same area as had been held by the Śarabhapura kings. The fact that Tīvara is the first king of his line who is known to have made Śrīpura his capital does not warrant the belief that the capital of his father and grandfather was situated elsewhere, as no copper-plate (which alone mentions the capital as the place of issue of the charter) belonging to them has as yet been found.

Having seen that there is no sure ground for placing Tivara in the second quarter of the sixth century, we may turn to an examination of the palæographical chart attached hereto. The Arang plates of Bhimasena of unknown lineage are dated in the Gupta year 282=A.D. 601;6 it is the only dated inscription of the locality and the period with which we are now concerned, and as such affords a convenient standard of comparison. It will be seen that the characters show typical Gupta forms throughout. Comparing this record with the Bhandak inscription of Nannadeva. which according to Professor Mirashi's chronology must belong to c. A.D. 500, we find that every letter in the latter presents a more developed appearance; in bh and s there is now a hollow wedge attached to the left corner; looped tripartite y has given place to the bipartite form the right vertical of s projects a bit above the curved top-an important development which led to the ultimate separation of the left and right limbs of the letter, leaving the left limb to develop independently into the Nagari and proto-Bengali forms (which tendency of separation is already noticeable in the Sirpur inscription of Mahāśivagupta, where the horizontal cross-bar of the letter has turned into a curved inward prolongation of the left member, the right member being thus a separate entity): in h the left limb is no longer a vertical straight line but a curve, and the right downward stroke shows a tendency to hang below the base line. The persistent occurrence of late forms in the Bhandak inscription marks it out as definitely much later than the Arang plates : a fortion the possibility of its being placed a century prior to the latter cannot be considered. It is also evident from the chart that the letters of the Köndödda plates of the Sailödbhava Dharmarāja have practically the same forms as those of the Bhandak inscription.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Harsha inscription, above, Vol. XIV, p. 110. This theory was first started by H. C. Raychaudhuri, Political History of Amount India, 4th ed., p. 512 n.

e Two Maukhari Seals from Nalanda", above, Vol. XXIV, p. 283,

<sup>3</sup> t'f. above. Vol. XXII, p. 16.

<sup>4</sup> P.R., A.S.W.C., 1903-04, p. 54.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The letters in the chart have been traced out of the published impressions of the respective inscriptions. They do not claim the preciseness of mechanical reproductions but may be regarded as accurate for all practical purposes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Above, Vol. IX, p. 342.

PALÆOGRAPHICAL CHART RELATING TO THE DATE OF THE PANDAVA KINGS OF SOUTHERN KOSALA.

HÁRÁHÁ INSCRIPTION OF ÍSANAVARMAN A.D. 554.	ARANG PLATES OF BHIMASENA A.D. 601.	KÕNDĒDDA PLATES OF DHARMARĀJA	BHĀNDAK INSCRIPTION OF NANNĀDHIRĀJA	SIRPUR INSCRIPTION OF MAHĀŚIVAGUPTA
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<b>&amp; &amp;</b>	भ क	यय	ય ય	ય ય
я я	A H	ЯЯ	ąA	ડા ન
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It will be readily admitted that it is not strictly scientific to compare the Hāṛāhā inscription with the inscriptions of the Pāṇḍavas owing to the great distance separating them: but if it were allowed, it could be easily shown that the Hāṛāhā inscription is distinctly earlier, so that Sūryavarman could not have been a contemporary of Harshagupta.

It is clear, therefore, that the ascription of the Bhāndak inscription to a date earlier than A.D. 650, i.e. at least fifty years after the date of the Ārang plates of Bhīmasēna, is a palæographical impossibility. Tīvara, therefore, may be tentatively placed in the last quarter of the seventh century A.D.

We may now proceed to examine some incidental facts and identifications arising out of these tentative dates.

- 1. Some scholars have found a reference to Tivara in the Pulömbūru and Ipūr grants of the Vishņukuṇḍin Mādhavavarman.¹ which refer to an invasion of the city of Trivara by Mādhavavarman.² But from the wordings in the inscriptions it is not certain that the expression Trivara magara should be taken to mean the city of King Trivara and not the city called Trivara. King Tīvara of the Lunar race, who is proposed for identification with this Trivara, is not known to have founded a city of his own: on the other hand, the city of Śrīpura was the capital of Southern Kōsala before, during and after the reign of Tīvara. It appears to me that there is much probability in the view that Trivara is a place-name, being a partial Prakritization of Tripurī, and giving rise in due course to Tivar or Tewar, by which name the ancient Tripurī is now known. Even assuming that Trivara in the above inscriptions is the name of some king or prince, there is little likelihood of his being identical with the Pāṇḍava Tīvara, in view of the fact that the date of the Pulōmbūru grant is most probably A.D. 594, which is much too early for one who, according to the chronology proposed here, flourished towards the end of the seventh century.
- 2. The Köndēdda and Nivinā plates of the Śailōdbhava king Dharmarāja say that Mādhava, the younger brother of the king, became a rebel: being defeated at Phāsikā he took shelter with another king Trīvara. but was again defeated along with Trīvara at the foot of the Vindhyas. Dr. N. P. Chakravarti, the editor of the Nivinā plates, proposes to identify this Trīvara with Tīvara of Southern Kōsala. Dharmarāja, being the grandson of Mādhava-Sainya-bhīta II, the author of the Ganjām plates of A.D. 619,7 must have flourished in the latter

<sup>1</sup> Journal of the Andhra Historical Research Society, Vol. VI, p. 20: above, Vol. XVII, p. 336.

<sup>2</sup> Cf above, Vol. XXII, p. 19.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For this reason the analogy of Pravarapura and Yayātinagara cited by R. S. Panchamukhi (above, Vol. XXIII, p. 90, n. 5.) cannot stand. Nor is it possible to agree with him (loc. cit., p. 91, n. 6) that the superscript i-sign in Trivara is distinctly long in the Pulömbüru and Īpūr grants. In the latter, at any rate, it is clearly short.

<sup>.</sup> Cf. Journal of the Department of Letters, Calcutta University, Vol. XI, p. 63.

R. S. Panchamukhi (loc. cit.) tries to prove that the date of the grant is A.D 621, as 594 is too early to be the forty-eighth year of the king who was defeated in c. 631 by Pulakēšin II or his brother Kubja-Vishņuvardhana. As Pulakēšin's conquest of Kalinga, Kōsala, Pishtapura, Kuṇāla and Kāñchīpura, recorded in vv. 26 and 27 of the Aihole inscription (above, Vol. VI, p. 6), were effected in one and the same expedition, and as Vishņuvardhana was the governor of Vēngī from c. 316 to 633 (cf. D. C. Ganguly, I. H. Q., Vol. VIII, p. 442), it seems very likely that the Vishnukuṇḍins were ousted by the Chālukyas in c. 615. The fact that the son of the donee of the Pulōmbūru grant of Mādhavavarman was the recipient of the same village in the reign of Jayasimha, the son of Vishṇuvardhana, (above, Vol. XIX, p. 254), does not prove that Mādhavavarman just preceded Jayasimha in time; the two kings might well have been separated by two short reigns of a successor of Mādhavavarman and of the Chālukya Vishnuvardhana. [But Jayasimha is definitely known to be the successor of Vishṇuvardhana.—N. L. R.]

<sup>6</sup> Or Trivara, as the word is spelt in the Nivina grant.

<sup>7</sup> Above, Vol. VI, p. 143.

half of the seventh century, which, according to our chronology, was also the date of Tivara. The identification proposed by Dr. Chakravarti is, therefore, highly probable.

- 3. Nannarāja, the son-in-law of Tivara, may perhaps be identical with the Rāshṭrakūṭa chief of the same name who is known from the Tiwarkhēḍ and Multāi plates to have lived in the first half of the eighth century. It is to be noted that both of them are said to have acquired the paūcha-mahāsahda.
- 4. Harshagupta the nephew of Tivara, seems to find mention in the Dhuliā plates of Karkarāja, which says that the Rāshṭrakūṭa Dantidurga won victories over [Kīrtivarman] the Karnāṭaka (Chālukya) king, who had defeated, among others, a king named Harsha. As Harshagupta flourished in the first half of the eighth century according to our chronology, it is very likely that he was the semior contemporary of Kīrtivarman II, who began his reign in c. A.D. 744.
- 5 Lastly, it must be admitted that we are not aware of the existence of any Sūryavarman in Magadha in the first half of the eighth century, who could have married his daughter to Harshagupta. Not much is known about the history of Magadha in the seventh and eighth centuries, but we do come across references to some chiefs whose names ended in curman and who therefore may be regarded as having formed a Varman dynasty. (The Sirpur inscription says that Sūryavarman was born in the Varman family.)3 The Korean traveller Hwui Lun, for instance. refers to the contemporary Magadhan king as Devavarman.\ Further, Cunningham points out that in A.D. 692 the king of Eastern India was known in Chinese as Mo-lo-pa-mo or For eather times we may recall the names of Pūrņavarman, who, according to Hiuen Tsiang, restored the Bodhi tree at Bodh-Gaya, and of the Maukhari samanta-chadamans Yajɓayarman, Śārdūlayarman and Anantayarman, known from the Barābar-Nāgārjuni cave inscriptions. We may prolong the list by adding the names of Sundaravarman and Kalyanavarman mentioned in the Ka ini dimahotsava, a drama which, it has been shown, cannot be placed earlier than A.D. 700.8 There is thus an almost continuous record of the existence of Varman rulers in Magadha who were probably usually feudatories, assuming independence under favourable circumstances.

# No. 27. NILAGANGAVARAM INSCRIPTION OF AMBADEVA-MAHARAJA: Saka 1212. By R. S. Panchamukhi, M.A., Madras.

The subjoined inscription<sup>9</sup> is engraved on a slab set up in Survey No. 307,3 about two miles to the north-west of Nīla-Gaṅgavaram in the Vinukonda Taluk of the Guntur District. The

Above, Vol. XI, p. 279; Ind. Ant., Vol. XVIII, p. 234. On the date of the Tiwarkhed plates, see Bhandarkar's List, No. 1082 n.

² Above, Vol. VIII, p. 185: Kānehīša-Kērala-nar-ādhīpa-Chōla-Pāndya-Srī-Harshaj-Vajraļa-pribhēda-vadhāna-daksham | \* | Karnnātakam ca(ba)lam=achīļa\*|tyam ajēyam anyadīr\*|-bhrītyai[h\*] kiyadbhir-api yah saha-being vēnquished by Dantīdurga. Harsha mentioned here is identified with the Harsha of Kanauj who was defeated by Pulakēsin II. Kīrttivarman II is not known to have weged wars against any king of Kōsala or Chōla or Paṇdya kings.—N. L. R.]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Above, Vol. XI, p. 191 : jātah kalē Varmmanām,

<sup>4</sup> Beal, Life of Honen Tsiang, p. xxxvii.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> A.S.R., Vol. III, p. 136.

<sup>\*</sup> Beal, Buddhist Records of the Western World, Vol. 11, pp. 118 and 174.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Fleet, C.I.I., Vol. III, pp. 221 f.

<sup>\*</sup>K. Chattopadhyaya, "The Date of the Kaumudimahōtsava," I.H.Q., Vol. XIV, p. 582.

No. 229 of 1935-36 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection; see An. Rep. on S. I. Epigraphy, 1936, part ii, pp. 69 f.

slab is broken into two fragments both of which contain writing on the front and back sides. They are mutilated in parts and so a few letters are lost in the invocatory and imprecatory verses. The inscription consists of 66 lines and the writing is fairly well-preserved. At the top of the slab are carved a conchant bull, the sun and the large with a degger below them—I edit the inscription below with the kind permission of Rao Bahadur t—R. Krishnamacharlu, the Superintendent for Epigraphy

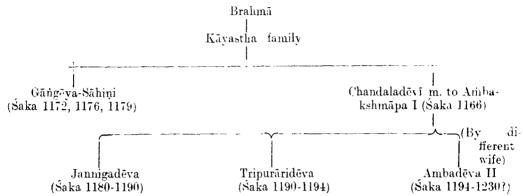
After invocation to the Varah-āratāra of Vishņu, the record introduces the kshatra clain created by Brahmā and states that there were some heroes in it, who remained updatinted even though the whole kshatra race was discouraged by the acts of Bhārgava, e.e., Parasurāma, and that they were in consequence known as Kāyasthas. In the Tripurāntakam inscription of Ambadēva, the origin of the family-name Kāvastha is explained as boin of the body  $(k\bar{u}ya)$  of Druhina (ee.)Brahmā). In this Kāyastha family was born Gangaya-Sāhiṇi. His sister was Chandaladēvī who bore to Ambakshmapa two sons rec., Janarddana and Tripurarideva. The latter's vounger brother was Ambadeva who had captured the royal glory (sāmbrā(mrā) 19a-lakskenīm, 1.29) of Gurindāla-Gaṇādhipa a meteor to the Māļava king. The inscription further states that king Amba granted on the date specified in ll. 31-33, the village Mollakalluru alias Sivapura to the temple of god Mahōsvara (ll. 33-35). Then follow five imprecatory verses (ll. 36-38). The record was composed by Nammananandana who was dear to the goddess of speech. The Telugu portion repeats the date and adds the name of the donee as Mallināthayangāru of Reindrēvu residing at Tripurāntaka-kshētra. The gift was probably placed in his charge to be managed on behalf of the temple. At the end is added a verse in Sanskrit which seems to refer to the construction of a flight of steps at the eastern gateway of the temple. by Kumāra-kshitibhrit (r.c., Kumāra Pratāparudra).

The details of date are given in II 31-33 and II, 52-51 as - Saka year (expressed both in chronogram and numerical figures),  $bh\bar{a}nn$  (12) and arkka (12) r.e. 1212. Vikuta. Bhādrapada, ba 15. darša, Tuesday, solar eclipse ( $dv\bar{a}da\dot{s}-\bar{a}rdh-\bar{o}par\bar{a}q\bar{q}$ )—The eclipse probably covered twelve digits ( $arddha-kal\bar{a}$ ) of the Sun. These details regularly correspond to Tuesday, September 5, A.D. 1290 when the nakshatra was Uttara-Phalgunī

The inscription is important as it furnishes a specific relationship between Gandapendāra Gangaya-Sāhiņi the Cavalier of Kākatīya Ganapati and Gandapendāra Ambadēva which was not known hitherto. As stated above, Gangaya-Sāhiņi's sister Chandalāmbā or Chandaladēvī was married to Amba-kshmāpa who was the father of Ambadēva. Since the record states that she bore to Amba two sons, viz., Jannigadēva and his vounger brother Tripurāridīva it may be surmised that Ambadēva was probably born of a different mother. In the Tripurāntakam inscription mentioned above, the pedigree of Ambadēva is given as follows: In the Kāyastha family was

born Gāṇgēya; after him came his sister's son¹ Janārddana (udabhavat=tad-ann dvibhujō nṛ-pai[h\*] svasur=apatyam=amushya Janārddanah ll. 8 f.). his younger brother Tripurāridēva and the latter's younger brother Ambadēva 'as Upēndra was of Indra'. The names of the sister of Gāṇgēya-Sābiṇi and her husband are furnished here for the first time. Rangachari² and Sewell' have misunderstood the relationship between the several chiefs of the Kāyastha family and have thus given a wrong genealogy.

It may be noted that the Tripurantakam inscription as well as the present record specify without ambiguity the connection between the four members of the family which put together stands as follows:—



The Kāyasthas were a powerful family of feudatory chiefs who played a prominent part in the politics of the mediæval period in the Telugu country. They started their career as cavaliers (Turaga-sūdhankas) under Kākatīya Gaņapati and styled themselves as Mahāmandalēsvara, Mandalika-Brahmarākshasa and Gaṇḍapeṇḍāra. Anhadēva the most powerful chief of the family assumed the epithet Ghaṇḍikōṭa-Manōrathapuravar-ādhīśvara and ruled from his capitals Vallūrupaṭṭaṇa and Ghaṇḍikōṭa the former of which is Vallūru near Cuddapah while the latter is the modern Ghaṇḍikōṭa in the Jammalmaḍugu Taluk of the Cuddapah District. In order to understand the extent of their power and territory, it is necessary to study their records critically, and to facilitate such a study, a classified statement of their principal dated records is given below specifying in each case the name of the overlord under whom the chief ruled:

Date.	Chief.	Overlord.	Provenance.
Saka 11664       .         Saka 11725       .         Saka 1176-796       .	Ambayyadēva Gāngēya-Sāhiņi Do	Gaṇapati Do	Satrasāla (Painad Tk., Guntur Dt ). Tripurāntakam hill (Kurnool Dt.). Tripurāntakam hill (Kurnool Dt.). Gangavaram (Cuddapah Dt.).

¹ Though the Tripurāntakam inscription contains the specific relationship namely 'sister's son' (\*\*srasur=apatyam\*) between Gangēya-Sāhim and Janārddana it has been missed by all writers on the Kāyasthas who nevertheless proclaim that the inscriptions do not disclose the connection between them. See also \*Madras Epigraphical Report for 1905, Part II, page 63.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Inscriptions of the Madrae Presidency, Vol. II, p. 932, n.

<sup>3</sup> Historical Inscriptions of Southern India, p. 359.

<sup>4</sup> No. 314 of 1930-31 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection.

<sup>5</sup> No. 283 of 1905 of the same collection.

<sup>•</sup> Nos. 231, 176 of 1905 and 233 of 1937-38 of the same collection.

Date.	Chief.	Overloid.	Provenance.	
Saka 1180-821 .	Januagadēva .	Ganapati	Pondalü. (Pullampet Tk., Cuddap <b>ah</b> Dt.)	
Saka 11862 .	r Januagadīva ruling the territors extending from Pānnagal to Wārnavādror Kaivāra.	overlord.	Kärempüdi (Palnad Tk.), Nandalür (Cuddapah Dt.)	
Śaka 11913 .	. 1100	l Rudramahādēvī .	Durgi (Palnad Tk.),	
Śaka 11924 .	Trymāntaka	Do .	Potlapādu (Darsi, Nellore Lt.).	
Saka 11945	Tripetāri .	No mention of the overlord	Tuputāntakam hill.	
Saka 1194 to 12246	Andraděva	. Do .	Tripurāntākam, Attīrāla, Pōli, Cud- dapah and Kamalapuram Taluks.	

From this tabular statement, it is apparent that a certain Ambayvadeva was the earliest member of the Kāvastha family who governed a portion of the Guntur District round about Satrasāla where his inscription was secured - Gāngēya-Sāhiņi appears to have simultaneously held service under Ganapati in the Cuddapah District where his records are found. Both of them are given the epithet Dāmodara-sacroga-dršā-paṭta which is likewise adopted by the two successors. etc., Tripurarideva and Ambadeva along with the other epithets which they actually earned by their exploits. Ambadēva, the younger brother of Tripurāri whose records range in date from Saka 1194 to 1224, could not have held any administrative authority as early as Saka 1166 which would otherwise invest him with the governorship of the territory for nearly 60 years which is far from likely. Further, this would lead to the contingency of assigning no period of rule to his elder brothers Janniga and Tripmari who have, however, issued several records as governors under the Kākatīvas. It is therefore reasonable to think that Ambadēva of the Satrasāla inscription is an earlier member and different7 from the homonymous chief the younger brother of Tripurāridēva. The earlier Ambadēva may be identified with Ambakshmāpa mentioned in the present record as the father of the three brothers. Since the earliest reference to the defeat of Dāmodara of the west is found in connection with both Ambadeva I and Gangeva-Sahini, it is likely that both these officers had a share in the event.

Whether Ambakshmāpa's principality was confined to the Palnad Taluk of the Guntur District or extended as far south as the Cuddapah District where his son's inscriptions are discovered, there are no means to decide—But it is quite probable that Ambadēva I and Gāngēya-Sāhiṇi governed different parts of the Kākatīya kingdom separately and on the death of the latter

<sup>1</sup> V. Rangachari, op. ed., Guntur 502, and Cuddapah 850.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Nos. 610 of 1907 and 550 of 1909 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection. See Rangachari, ov. cet., Cuddapah 824 and Guntur 520.

<sup>3</sup> V. Rangachari, op. cd. Guntur 500 (No. 573 of 1909 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection).

<sup>4</sup> Nellore Inscriptions, Vol. I., Darsi 57, 60. The Saka year 1151 appears to have been wrongly read for 1192 and the cyclic year Pramādi for Pramādīta which corresponded to 1192. Saka 1151 does not combine with Pramādi at all.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid., Darsi 1.

Nos. 168, 173, 174, 242 and 268, of 1905, 406 of 1911, 622 of 1907, 618 of 1907 and 414 of 1911, etc., of the Madras Epigraphical Collection.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> The identification of Ambakshmāpa with Ambadēva made in the Annual Report on South Indian Epigraphy for 1930-31, Part II, para. 18, is not tenable.

apparently without issue, his territory passed to the nearest relative, viz., his brother-in-law Ambadeva I or more probably the latter's son Janarddana. This would account for the tracing of Ambadēva (II)'s genealogy from Gangēya-Sāhiņi who had, otherwise, no direct lineal connection Thus from Janarddana's time the territory of the Kavastha chiefs comprised a large area from Pānungal to Mārajavādi or Kaivāra, i.e., from the Nalgonda District (Nizam's Domimonsi to the Cuddapah District 1 From the table given above it is clear that Janniga must have come to power some time after Saka 1179 as Gangeva-Sāhini's latest inscription is dated in Saka 1179 and held the governorship till Saka 1192 which is the earliest date for Tripurāri. Tripurāri was succeeded by his younger brother Ambadeva II in Saka 1194, who continued to rule till at least Śaka 1224 in which year his Lēpāka inscription is dated.2 It is significant that the Kārempūdi and Nandalūr inscriptions of Jannigadeva bearing the Saka date 1186 do not refer to the overlord whereas his earlier inscriptions of Saka 1180-82 introduce him as a feudatory of Ganapati. The Durgi and Potlapadu inscriptions of Saka 1191 and Saka 1192 belonging respectively to Janniga and Tripurāri mention Rudramahādevī as the reigning monarch. But Tripurāri's inscriptions of Saka 1194 and almost all the records of Ambadeva II from Saka 1194 to Saka 1224 are issued by the chiefs independently without acknowledging the suzerain power. This omission to mention the reigning monarch, if it signifies anything, may be taken to reflect the unsettled political conditions in the country due to weakness at the centre, particularly between Saka 1182 and 1186 and Saka 1192 and 1194. This is borne out by a study of the political events that happened at this period in the Telugu country. The most important document that furnishes many political synchronisms for the history of the period is the Tripurantakam inscription of Ambadēva-Mahārāja dated in Šaka 1212.3 It states about Ambadēva that he (1) acquired the title of Rāyusahasramalla after defeating Śrīpati-Gaṇapati; (2) routed Kēśava joined by Sōmidêva and Alluganga; (3) vanquished Mallikārjuna who was a hater of Gods and Brāhmans; (4) gave his daughter in marriage to Rājanņa son of king [Bō]laya who had celebrated several sacrifices, together with the Nandanapura country (Nandalur) as dowry: (5) reinstated Manmagandagōpāla at Vikramasimhapura (Nellore) in his kingdom which he had lost: (6) captured the treasures of the Pāṇḍya princes; (7) defeated Dāmōdara of the west: (8) took the head of Eruva-Mallidēva; (9) was honoured with rich presents by the king of Devagiri who was pleased at his valour: (10) destroyed Kādayarāya and (11) was helped by his friend king Parākramapāndya with strong cavalry forces. Most of these exploits are confirmed by the contemporary epigraphical and literary evidences as shown in the sequel.

A record from Tāllaproduţūr¹ belonging to Jagatāpi Gangeyadēvachōlamahārāju, son of Alluganga, and bearing Śaka date 1244 describes the chief as Gandapendāra-Gāngēya-Sāhini-sarvasvabandīkāra, i.e., robber of Gāngēya-Sāhini's wealth and as one who obtained the (regal) fortune by churning the ocean of Sēvuņa (i.e., Yādava) army, indicating thereby that the Chief had rid himself of the Yādava domination by Šaka 1244. From an inscription at Nīlūru in the Gooty Taluk of the Anantapur District dated in Šaka 1137, it is learnt that Jagatāpi Dandidēvachōla-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This area roughly included the modern Cuddapah. Kurnool, Bellary, Anantapur, Nellore and Guntur Districts. <sup>2</sup> In one of the Lēpāka inscriptions examined and copied by the Telugu Assistant of the Epigraphy Office, Madtas, in 1938, Gaṇḍpeṇdāra Tripurāridēva-Mahārāja is introduced as ruling Mulki-nāṇḍu from Vallūripattaṇa in Śaka 1226. Krādhin (A. D. 1304) and making a grant of the village Lēbāka as a sarvamānya-agrahāra to the temple of Allāļanāthadēva. This is a solitary record of Tripurāri belonging to such a late date. If he is identical with the brother of Ambadēva II, we have to presume that he continued to rule conjointly with Ambadēva till Śaka 1226.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> No. 263 of 1905 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection.

<sup>4</sup> No. 308 of 1935-36 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection.

<sup>5</sup> No. 345 of 1920.

mahārāya probably an ancestor of the above chief was a subordinate of Yādava Simhana. And Gangeya-Sāhiņi is stated in a record of Śaka 1176 belonging to the reign of Kākatīva Ganapati, to have defeated a certain Rakkasa-Gangarasa who may be the same person as the Rakkasa-Gangarasa of the Jöti inscription? (Siddhaut Taluk, Cuddapah District) dated in Śaka 1169. The Telugu poem Nircachanottara-Rāmāyanamu records that Gangeva-Sāhini who had been deprived of his kingdom by a certain Rakkasa-Gangarasa evidently the above-mentioned chief took refuge under Manma-Janapāla who restored the lost kingdom to his protegé by vanquishing Rakkasa-Ganga. This event must have occurred between Saka 1169 and Saka 1176. Alluganga who was probably connected with Rakkasa-Ganga in some unspecified way, as their names, their territory and the hostilities they both hore against Gāngēva-Sāhim would indicate, must have taken vengeance against his opponent Gängēva-Sāhiņi, which was reciprocated by Ambadēva who as stated in his Tripurantakam inscription, routed Alluganga and his allies. Thus for three generations the Kāvasthas ranged themselves against the Jagatāpi-chōladēvamahārājas who appear to have rebelled against their overlords the Yādavas of Dēvagiri. It is likely that Gāngēva-Sāhini and his relatives were the friends of the Sevuna kings and that they suppressed the rebellion of the latter's subordinates who, however, ultimately became independent by Saka 1244 when the Yadaya power was on the wane. It must probably be with the help of Ambadova during the governor-hip of Jannigadēva that Yādava Mahādēva wrested from Kākatīva Gaņapati the honour of paāchamahāśabda as recorded in the introduction to Viatakhanda of Hēmādri<sup>3</sup>. We know that this event took place in about Saka 1183 during the last days of Ganapatit. On the death of Ganapati the whole country was plunged in utmost disaster and chaos and the internal rebellion and the danger from the neighbouring powers were too much for the queen Pattoddhate Rudramahādēvī to cope with in the beginning of her reign. Accordingly several Telugu-Chōda chiefs such as Eruva-Manumilidēva, Vijavagandagopala and Siddavadeva-Choda-Mahārāja are found assuing their inscriptions independently without referring to their overlord, in Saka 1189, 1185 and 1189 respectively, i.e., within a few years after her accession to the throne. Soon, however, the Kākatīva queen appears to have consolidated her power and reduced the refractory chiefs to subjection. She must have first subjugated the Kāyastha chief Jannigadeva by about Saka 1190; for he expresses his lovalty to the reigning monarch in his inscription of Saka 1191. Thereafter, with the help of the Kavastha chiefs of whom Ambadeva appears to have taken a prominent part, the turbulent officers were brought down on their knees since, in the Tripurantakam inscription mentioned above, Ambadëva boasts of having taken, evidently on behalf of the Kākatīva ruler, the head of a certain Eruva-Manumilideva who must be identical with the Telugu-Choda chief Eruva-Mallideva. Simultaneously with or shortly after this achievement, the defeat of Alluganga, Somideva, Kesava, Mallikarjuna, etc., ascribed to the chief in his records appears to have happened. Kādavarāva, i.e., Kopperunijingadēva II (A.D. 1243-1279) who had been reduced to subordination by Kākatīva Ganapati as can be surmised from his Drākshārāma inscription in which he calls himself the executor of the commands of Gaṇapati-Mahārāja (Gaṇapati-Mahārājasy-ājēāii pracartayatā)8, must have attempted to throw off his allegiance to the Kākatīva banner on the death of Ganapati. In fact he has caused to be engraved a highly pedantic inscription at Triputrantakam in which he glorifies his past achievements including the numerous rich gifts he had

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> No. 231 of 1905.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> No. 563 of 1915.

<sup>3</sup> Bom. Gaz., Vol. I, part ii, p. 273, v. 52.

<sup>4</sup> See above, Vol. XXIII, p. 193.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Nes. 190, 272 and 175 of 1905.

<sup>6</sup> S. I. I., Vol. IV. No. 1342 B.

made to the temple of Bhīmēśvara at Drākshārāma, without mentioning the Kākatīya overlord who was reigning at the tim -The record is unfortunately not dated. But it must be assigned to a date subsequent to Saka 1184 in which year Kopperunjingadeva figures apparently as a subordinate of a Kākatīva king<sup>2</sup>. The defeat of Köpperunjinga called here Kadavaraya must have been accomplished some time before Saka 1201 the last year of the chief; and after Saka 1194 when Ambadeva succeeded to the chiefdom. Amabadeva's Tripurantakam inscription of Saka 1194 does not refer to any of his exploits mentioned above whereas his epigraphs dated Saka 1207, 1212, 1213, etc., narrate them in detail. Ambadēva appears to have been puffed up with the signal victory he had gained over his powerful rival Köpperunjingadeva, proclaimed himself as a quasi-independent chief and to have held that position till the very last year of his rule. It is, however, certain that he did not turn a rebel against the Kākatīyas or attempt to subvert their For a record from Malyāla<sup>1</sup> in the Nandikotkur Taluk of the Kurnool District refers itself to the reign of the Kākatīya king Kumāra Rudra-Mahārāja in Šaka 1212 and 1213, thus marking the extent of the Kākatīva rule in the territory of the Kāyastha chiefs during the same period. Tripurantakam (Kurnool District) and Nilagangavaram (Vinukonda Taluk. Guntur District) where Ambadeva's inscriptions are found, were situated within the Kakatīva dominions. It is therefore possible that though Ambadeva maintained a semi-independent status like the great Feudatory families of the Dekkan, i.e., the Western Gangas, Banas, etc., under the Rashtrakutas, etc.. in the mediæval period, the Kākatīya suzerainty was acknowledged in the territory of the Kāvasthas as shown above. In course of time, however, Ambadēva's power suffered heavily in consequence of which he appears to have been deprived of his principality. since an Upparapalle inscription<sup>5</sup> of Rudradeva dated Saka 1[2\*]36. Pramadi, refers to the reduction of Ghandikota by a subordinate of the king. Another fragmentary inscription in the same place, without date, states that the king appointed Gonkaya-Reddi, a servant of Juttaya, to the governorship of Khandikōta and Mulikināndu districts. This shows that Ambadēva had been subdued under the orders of the king and his territory annexed to the Kākatīya dominions some time before Saka 1236. In one of the inscriptions, at Kanala, Nandyal Taluk of the Kurnool District, a chief (name completely damaged) is stated to be ruling over Mulkinandu, Penampadi. Pottapinandu, Pedakallu and Nantavādi under Prataparudradēva-Mabārāja in Saka 1230. We know that these nādus had been subject to the administration of Ambadēvas, but it is not definite whether Ambadēva continued to rule till Saka 1230 or had been dispossessed of his territory by that year. But it can be affirmed that he had been either killed in the encounter or dislodged from Ghandikōta before Śaka 1236 as stated above.

### TEXT.9

First Fragment: First Face.

- 1 Vārāham vapur=avyād vō mahī-mu
- 2 harēḥ | yasya damshtr-āgra-visrāmtā mahī

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> No. 197 of 1905, see Madras Epigraphical Report for the year, part ii, p. 46.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> S. I. I., Vol. IV, No. 1341.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The chief came to power in A D. 1243 and ruled for 36 years (Historical Inv. of Southern India, pp. 162 and 376)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> No. 321 of 1937-38. An indirect mention of Kumāra-Kshitibhrit in the present record points to the overbearing attitude of Ambadēva towards the Kākatīya monarch.

<sup>•</sup> No. 328 of 1905.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> No. 329 of 1905.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> No. 260 of 1935-36.

<sup>\*</sup> No. 406 of 1911.

From ink-impression.

.;	tējas-samunmrishta				
4.					
	Second Frayment; First Face.				
- 5 - c	[ka] tama				
6	tāmśur=anāratani				
7 8	yatta-matgga-pravarttakam vidint-vvityyatkamiaya[m] kshātram varṇṇam-ajījanat¹ Bhārggavād-bhagna-hṛida[yē]				
Ģ	kshatra-lōkē=[py] avikriyāḥ   śauryya-pāram-gatās=tatra				
10)	Kāyasthāḥ kati viśrutāḥ¹ Tatr=ānvavāyē sam[jā]-				
11	ta[h*] śrīmān Garngaya-Sāhiṇiḥ [ *] payödhāv=iva pa-				
12	ryyāpta-tējā amņīta-dīdhitiḥ¹   Sura-šākhina iva				
13	Surabhih Kamal-ēv-āmritakarasya kalyāņī   sarvva-				
14	janīnā sahajā Chamdaladēvī babhūv=āsya²    Amba-				
15	kshmāpād-asūt-ōyani Chandalāmbā suta-dvavam(yam) [**]				
16	Vasudēvād iv=āšāsyam Dēvakī dauvatarr=api <sup>1</sup>    Pratyartthi-				
17	prithvīpati-mauli-ratna-prabhū-pisamgīkļita-pāda-pītha-				
18 19	ḥ + <b>Janārddanaḥ</b> kshmādhīpatīr≈janānām jā(jyā)yān⇒abhū• t ja(j÷ja)mgama-pā³ pārijātaḥ⁴    Bāh[ā]-bala-kshurṇṇa(ṇṇa)				
20	vipaksha-lōkas=tasy ānuja[ḥ*] śrī-Tripurāridēvaḥ [[]]				
21	saumdaryya-samdarsita-Mannatha-srīr-vidyā-				
22	vilās-āspadam-āvirāsīt 5 Āvushmān= <b>Ambadē</b> -				
23	va-kshitipatir=anujas-tasva prithvim prasasti prachina-				
24	kshōṇi-pāla-praṇihita-samara-praudhi-pārīṇa-bāhuḥ				
25	prahva-pratyartthi-prithvi-paribri(vii)dha-makuta-syūta-mā-				
26	m[kya*]-niryya j* -jvālā-jāl-āvalīdha-spu(sphu)ṭa-pada-kamala-dvamdva-				
27	samdarsanīyab"    Ayam mahā-bābur=anīka-ram-				
28	gē mānya-śrivō Māļava-dhūmakētōḥ[[*] gurvvī-				
29 30	ni Gurimdāla-Gaṇādhipasya sāmbrā(mrā)jya-lakshmī[m*] sahasā jahāra <sup>5</sup>				
.)!!	sanasa janata 1,				
	First Fragment; Second Face.				
31	Śākē bhāmnv(bhānv)-arkka-śam(sam)khyā-vilasati Vikṛitē vatsa[rē]				
32	Bhādra-māsē darśē Bhaumasya vārē   7 sukridini (sukritini ?)				
33	samayē dvādaś-ārddh-ōparāgē [ *] prādād=Amba-kshi-				
34	tīmdraķ prati(thi)ta- <b>Śivapuram Mollakallūri</b> -nāma-grā[ma]-				
35	m Māhēsvarāya   prakatita-ma				
	Second Fragment; Second Face.				
3.3					
36 37					
· ·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
	Metre: Anushtubh. <sup>2</sup> Metre: Āryā.				
	This syllable is superfluous.  4 Metre: Upajāti.				
5	6 Metre : Indravajrā. 6 Metre : Srugdhara. 7 Daņda superfluous. 8 Metre : Sragdharā.				

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. . dbhis=sarvān=ētān bhāviņah prārtthivēmdrā¹ bhūyō
    bhūyō yāchatē Rāmachamdrah ||2 Bahubhi-
39
    r=vvasudhā dattā rājabhis=Sada(ga)rādibhih | yasya
    yasya yadā bhūmih(mis=)tasya tasya tathā(dā) phala-
41
    m(lam) [[]*] Satruņāmpi(ņ-āpi) trito dharmma[h*] pālanīyyo(nīyo) prava-
42
    tnatah satrur=ēva hi śatru[ḥ*] syād=dharmmah śatru
43
                     - [[₁*]- Māsham=ēkam suvarnna(ṇṇa)sya bhūmē-
44
    r=nna kasva-chit
    r-apy-arddham-aingalain(aingulam |) haran-narakam-āpnōti yā-
45
                               vad=ābhūta-samplavam(vam)
46
    so vriddhir-ahany ahani jayate [|*]tatha bhū-
47
    mi-kritani dānani sasyē sasyē vivarddhatē
                                              \| \|^*\|^3 = \overline{\Lambda}yushma-
48
    tā Nammananandanēna pratyagravāņī-hridaya-
49
    mgamēna | samyak=kritam śāsana-varyyam=ē-
50
51 tat-sarvyē-pi šiiņvamtu sah-ādarēņa
                                        | [[*]5 Svasti śri-
52 Saka-varshambulu 1212 agu-nēņķi Vikri(kri)ti-
53 samvatsara Bhādrapada bahuļa 15 Mamga-
54 ļavārāna sūryya-grahaņa-kālamuna-
55 [m]du svasti śrīmatu Gaņda-peņdāra Ambadē-
 56 va-Mahārājulu śrī-Tripurāntakam-kshē-
 57 tra-vāsul-aina Remdrēvula Mallināthaya-
     mgāriki Mollalakallūru sarvva-bāda(dhā)-pari-
 59 hāramu ā-chamdtārka-stā(sthā)yigān=ichehina Si-
 60 vapuramu [i*] maingaļa mahā-šrī šrī šrī | + |
 61 | D[ēvī yasya tvakīyyam (svakīyam ?) Tripura-vijayin[ē]
    chakshur-at(ut)-pāṭya pūjā [m*] śritvā (kiitvā) rējē tatō-pi [dda]-
 62
     .. taram=amalam Dochā(a)y-ākhyam prasiddham [|*]
 63
    pūrvva-dvārē Kumāra-kshitibhrid=uparitas=ta[t*-] Pu-
     rārē[ḥ*] purastād ramyam sopāna-mārgam [vuma?]-
 65
     karam-amalam dyuh pratijňam vidhāva 116
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## No. 28.~-BARGAON TEMPLE INSCRIPTION OF SABARA.

### By Prof. V. V. Mirashi, M.A., Nagpur.

This inscription is incised on a broken stone slab which is still lying amidst the ruins of a temple to the north of Bargaon, a village situated at a distance of twenty-seven miles north by west of Murwārā, the chief town of the Murwārā tahsil of the Jubbulpore District, in the Central Provinces. The inscription does not seem to have been noticed by General Cunningham who visited Bargaon twice, during 1883-84 and 1884-85, and has given a fairly detailed description of the temples and mentioned three other records found there in his Archwological Survey of India Reports, Vol XXI, Part I, p. 161 and Part II, pp. 163-64. The present inscription was briefly roticed for the first time by Rai Bahadur Hiralal in his Inscriptions in the Central Provinces and Berar, but it has not

<sup>1</sup> Read parthivendran. <sup>2</sup> Metre: Śālinī. 1 Read kritō. 3 Metre: Anushtubh. 6 Metre: Sragdharā. • Metre : Indravajrā.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> First edition, (1916), pp. 39-40; second edition (1932), p. 43.

been edited so far. It is edited here from good estampages supplied by the Superintendent of the Archæological Survey. Central Circle. Patna.

The language is Sanskrit. The record is written in prose throughout. It is written incorrectly and contains some mistakes of sandh (as in  $at\bar{o}$   $arth\bar{e}$  for  $at\bar{o}$   $arth\bar{e}$  in 1.4) and of gender (as in  $sapath\bar{e}dam$  for  $sapath\bar{o}=2yam$  in the same line). The only **orthographical** peculiarity that calls for notice is that b is throughout denoted by the sign for c, see Sarara and  $Val\bar{u}dh\bar{u}krua$ , both in 1.1 and rrahma-stamea in 1.2.

The record opens with Oin namely and refers to a commander of the army ( $Bal\bar{a}dhikpita$ ) of Sabara. His name which is partly mutilated appears to be Siva. The **object** of the inscription seems to be to record the gift of a cess on the threshing floor together with a granary to some ascetic residing at the temple in the settlement of Brāhmaṇas for the benefit of (the god) Śańkaranārāyaṇa, to whose temple the inscribed stone was apparently affixed. The record ends with the imprecation that whoever would offend against it would incur the sin of the slaughter of a Brāhmaṇa.

The preserved portion of the inscription contains no date, but, as stated above, it can, on palæographic evidence, be referred to the 10th century A.D. The illustrious Sabara mentioned here is perhaps identical with the Sabara, named Simha, mentioned in a fragmentary stone inscription found at Bhilsa, to which Dr F. E. Hall has called attention in the Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal, Vol. XXXI. p. 111, n. 2. The latter inscription states that Vachaspati of the Kaundinya qotra, who was a minister of the king Krishna after defeating the lord of Chedi and slaving a Sabara named Sinha placed the kings of the Rālā-maṇḍala and Rōdapādi on the throne and repaired to the temple of Bhaillasvamin evidently at Bhilsa where he composed a statra in praise of the god. From the mention of the lord of Chedi and the Sabara chief Simha together in the same line. Dr. Hall conjectured that the latter was the Chedian generalissimo. The Sabara of the present inscription, too, was no doubt subject to the contemporary Chedi or Kalachuri king, for a much defaced inscription at Bargaon to which General Cunningham has drawn attention? refers to a Kalachuri king or kings. But as the present inscription mentions a commander of the forces of this Sabara himself, it seems that he was a feudatory chief and not a mere generalissimo of the Chedi king. This fragmentary inscription at Bhilsa is also undated, but the date of the king Krishna, whose minister was Vachaspati, can be approximately fixed on other evidence. At Maser, a village about twenty-five miles north of Bhilst, Mr. M. B. Garde, Director of Archeology,

<sup>1</sup> See 'Chēd-īśam samarē vijitya Śabaram samhritya Simh-āhvayam Rālā-maṇḍala-Rōdapādy-avanipō(pau) bhūmyām pratishṭhāpya cha Dēvam drashṭum=ih=āgatō rachitavām(n) stōtram pavitram param śrīmat-Krishṇanip-aika-mantri-pada-bhāk Kauṇḍinya-Vāchaspatih 'cited by Hall in J. A. S. B., Vol. XXXI, p. 111, n. †.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Cunningham, A. S. R., Vol. XXI, p. 165.

Gwalior State, discovered in 1930 a fragmentary inscription in two pieces.\(^1\) It mentions one Narasimha of the Sulki (or Chālukva) family, who at the command of Krishnarāja initiated the wives of Kalachuri kings into widowhood. As Kēsari, the son of Narasiniha, was, according to the inscription, appointed Tantrādhipa (Minister for home affairs) by Vākpati-Muñja (circa A D. 972 to 995), Krishnarāja can be placed about A D 950 This conclusion is corroborated by the date V. 1039 (A. D. 982) of a pilgrim record which Mr. Garde has discovered on a pillar of a dilapidated mediæval temple at Maser. This record states the name of the god installed in the temple as Krishņēśvara.<sup>2</sup> The god was evidently so named after a king named Kiishija who consequently must have flourished before  $\Lambda$ , D. 982 There is another piece of evidence which corroborates the above-mentioned date for Krishna This Krishna is probably identical with Krishnapa of the Chandella family, a son of Yaśōvarman, mentioned in four out of six stone inscriptions3 at Dudahi, in the Lalitpur District, about 75 miles north by east of Bhilsa. According to both General Cunningham and Dr. Kielhorn this Yaśōvarman is the well-known Chandella king of that name. the father of Dhanga for whom we have dates ranging from A. D. 954 to A. D. 1002. Krishnana may, therefore, be referred to the period A.D. 960-85 From the Khajuraho inscription of Dhanga, dated V. 1011, we learn that the Chandella kingdom in the beginning of his reign extended to Bhāsvat or Bhilsā in the south 4 It seems, therefore, that Dhanga placed his brother Krishna or Krishnapa in charge of the south-western portion of the Chandella kingdom extending at least from Dudahi in the north to Bhilsa in the south.

If the identification of the illustrious Šabara of the present inscription with the Sabara chief slain by Krishnarāja's minister is accepted, the Sabara chief can be referred to the third quarter of the 10th century A. D. The Kalachuri suzerain to whom he owed allegiance was probably Sankaragana. The name of the god Sankaranārāyana appears somewhat curious. It seems to suggest that the temple was dedicated to Nārāyana installed by Sankara, who is probably identical with the Kalachuri prince of that name mentioned in the Kārītalār stone inscription of Lakshmaṇarāja II. It is noteworthy in this connection that he is called a parama-vaishnava or devout worshipper of Vishnu in that record.

## TEXT.

- - <sup>1</sup> Annual Report of the Archieological Department, Gwalior State, for 1930-31, p. 10.
  - <sup>2</sup> I owe this information to the kindness of Mr. Garde.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> These inscriptions were discovered by Cunningham, see his A, S, R, Vol. X, pp. 94-5, plate xxxii, and edited by Kielhorn in Ind. Ant., Vol. XVIII. pp. 236-37.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Above, Vol. I, p. 129.

<sup>• [</sup>Sankaranārāyaṇa here apparently refers to an image of Haribara.—Ed.]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Ibid., Vol. II. pp. 174 ff. This king must now be called Lakshmanarāja II in view of an earlier king of the same name; see above, Vol. XXIII, pp. 255 ff.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> From inked estampages.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Expressed by a symbol.

<sup>9</sup> Read Baladhikrita..

<sup>10</sup> The anusvāra on ra is very faint. Some word like cha may have been lost after kridaram.

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### TRANSLATION.

- (Ll. 1-3) Succes! Om! Adoration! [Śiva], the Balādhokrata of the illustrious Śabara... has given the cess at the threshing above and a granary for the holy Śańkaranārāyaṇa to..., the ascetic residing in the temple (which is the orly one) in the entire settlement of the Brāhmaṇas? venerated by
- (Ll 4-5) Whoever will deviate from this, for him is this (oii) imprecation that he shall meur the sin of killing a Brāhmana . . . . . . .

### No. 29. JIRTING! PLATES OF GANGA INDRAVARMAN: THE YEAR 39

By R. K. Groshal, M.A. Calcutta.

The plates which bear the subjoined inscription were turned up along with pieces of old pottery in course of excavation of an old temple in the village of Jirjingi near Tekkah in the Ganjām District of the Madras Presidency—They were secured by Sir A. P. Patro, Kt., who made them over to Mr. R. Subba Rao of the Audhra Historical Research Society of Rajahmundry—Mr. Rao subsequently published them in the Society's Journal. In view of the great importance justly attached to this record for the early history of the Ganga kings of Orissa, and considering its rather inadequate treatment by Mr. Rao, I re-edit the asscription from excellent ink-impressions kindly supplied by Dr. N. P. Chakravagu, the Government Epigraphist for India.

These are three plates of copper, each measuring 84" by 3". Towards the proper right end of each plate, there is a hole through which passed a ring, 3" in diameter, the ends of which, however, remain un-soldered, owing to the fact that the seal which must have been fixed to this ring is missing. The weight of the plates is 56½ tolas, and that of the ring 12½ tolas, making a total of 69 tolas. The edges of the plates are slightly raised into time so as to protect the inscription. The first and the third plates have writing on their inner faces only, while the

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<sup>1</sup> Used in the sense of asmini-arthe.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Read vyabhicha rati.

<sup>3</sup> Read sapathō='yam.

<sup>\*</sup> The original perhaps contained pātakēmi samyuktō bhavishyati.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Read <sup>3</sup>sy-ētī.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Khala-bhikshā, lit. alms at a threshing floor, was probably a tax in kind which was paid to the state when the corn was threshed. The right to receive the contribution seems to have been transferred to the donce. Whether the cess at one or all the threshing floors in the particular locality was conferred on the donce the record does not make clear. The Kārītalāi stone inscription of Lakshmaṇarāja (11) (above, Vol. II, pp. 174 ff.) refers in line 34 to the donation of four khala-bhikshās.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Bruhma-stambha occurs in verse 14 of the Jabalpur and Khairhā grants of Yaśahkarna, (above, Vols. II, p. 4 and XII, p. 212) but there, too, the correct expression evidently is brahma-stamba meaning 'a settlement of Brāhmaṇas.' The same verse occurs in the Kumbhī plates of Vijayasimha. Dr. Hall's transcript of it gives the reading brahma-stambō. See J. A. S. B., Vol. XXXI, p. 117.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> J. A. H. R. S., Vol. III, pp. 49 ff. Also noticed in the An. Rep. on South Indian Epigraphy for 1935-36 (C. P. No. 9).

second one is inscribed on both sides. The plates are in a state of perfect preservation and the engraving is clear throughout. The first and third plates, which are inscribed on one side only, have seven lines of writing apiece, while the second one contains six lines on each of its sides, — thus twenty-six lines in all. The height of the letters is about \( \frac{1}{3}'' \) on the average.

The **characters** belong to the southern class of alphabets and have resemblance to those used in the Gödävarī plates of Prithivimūla, Gökäk Plates of Dējja-Mahārāja, the Srungavara-pukōṭa³ and Siripuram⁴ plates of Anantavarman, king of Kalinga.

The script of the Jirjingi plates has further some obvious resemblance to that employed in some of the early inscriptions from Cambodia.

The inscription under discussion furnishes examples of initial a in lines 1, 4, 8, 14 and 22 and of initial  $\bar{a}$  in 1, 24 as well as of final m (Il. 18 and 21) and t (I. 25), which are so indicated by their smaller size. The northern form of l is employed in -sakala (I. 1) and  $-lat\bar{a}$  (I. 8).

The numerical symbols for 1, 9, 20 and 30 are contained in the date in line 25.

The language is Sanskrit. With the exception of two of the customary verses at the end, the whole of the record is in prose.

Among orthographical peculiarities deserving notice are (1) the use of the  $phv\bar{a}m\bar{u}liya$  in l. 21; (2) the use of the guttural nasal in place of  $amsr\bar{a}m$  in -nistrinsa (l. 5); (3) the doubling of dh and the change of the first dh into d in  $-\bar{a}nuddhy\bar{a}tas$  (l. 10); (4) the doubling throughout of a consonant after r: (5) the occasional doubling of a consonant before r, as in  $sag\bar{a}ttr\bar{a}ya$  (l. 13). In Ttaittiriya (l. 13) the doubling of the first letter is ungrammatical. Both b and r are indicated by the sign for the latter, exceptions being sam(sa)mbaddha (l. 11) and  $kutumbina(s^*=)$  (l. 12). The rules of sandhi have not been observed in a few cases.

The object of the **inscription** is to record a grant, which is non-sectarian in character, by  $Mah\bar{a}r\bar{a}\mu$  Indravarman, Lord of Trikalinga, 'a sun in the firmament of the spotless family of the Gangas'. The grant is issued from the city of Dantapura and concerns the village of Jijjika situated in the Vōnkhara-bhōga, which is given away as an agrahāra, in equal shares, to Agnisvāmin, son of Rudrasvāmin, and the former's (i.e., Agnisvāmin's) son Rudrasvāmin, who belonged to the Vishņuvriddha gōtra and the Taittirīya śākhā.

The date is given, in figures only, as in the Year 39 on the 21st day of the month of Vaiśākha. The year in all probability refers itself to the Gānga era. The present record, therefore, may be considered as the earliest inscription of the Eastern Ganga kings discovered so far.

The charter was written by the king's Sandhiviqrahika Devasimhadeva.

There has been lately some discussion over the question of identity and antecedence of Indravarman, Lord of Trikalinga, of the present record. Mr. R. Subba Rao identifies the donor

<sup>1</sup> J. B. B. R. A. S., Vol. XVI, pp. 114 ff.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Above, Vol. XXI, pp. 289 ff.

<sup>\*</sup> Ibid., Vol. XXIII, pp. 56 ff.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid., Vol. XXIV, pp. 47 ff.

<sup>5</sup> The next oldest inscription of the Eastern Gangas yet available is the Narasingapalli plates of Hastivarman of the Year 79 (see Above, Vol. XXIII, pp. 62 ff.). There is much uncertainty about the reading of the date in the stray plate from Tirlingi which has been assumed by Mr. S. N. Rajaguru (J. A. H. R. S., Vol. III, pp. 54 ff.) to belong to the Year 28 of the Ganga era. Much of this uncertainty will undoubtedly be removed when the remaining plates of the set come to light and clear impressions of them are made available to scholars. It seems therefore premature, just now, to doubt, as has been done by Mr. G. Ramdas (J. A. H. R. S., Vol. III, pp. 82-3), the genuineness of the Tirlingi plate on what appears to be very flimsy grounds.

<sup>6</sup> J. A. H. R. S., Vol. V1, ρ. 72.

of this grant with Adhirāja Indra, who, as recorded in the Gōdāvarī plates of Prithivimūla, is said to have overthrown in battle one Indrabhaṭṭāraka¹. This latter potentate has been equated by Dr. J. F. Fleet² with the Eastern Chālukya king of the same name who was the younger brother of Jayasimha I and father of Vishṇuvardhana II; while according to Drs Kielhorn³ and Jouveau-Dubreuil.¹ Indrabhaṭṭāraka should rather belong to the Vishṇukuṇḍin dynasty. We along with Mr. Subba Rao³ are inclined provisionally to subscribe to this latter view.

It seems that the Vishnukundins being hard pressed by the Eastern Chālukya kings pushed further northward from their original home in the Kistnā district of the Madras presidency. Their chief opponents in this direction were the Ganga kings of Kalinga who had then only recently eked out an independent principality in and about the Ganjām district. The two contending armies seem to have met each other in the heart of the delta of the Gōdāvarī, possibly somewhere near the modern town of Rajahmundry. As has been claimed in the Gōdāvarī plates, victory rested for the time being with the Kalinga forces. And it is quite probable that Indravarman returned in triumph to his capital at Dantapura. The victory over the Vishnukundins further prompted him to assume the (then rather anomalous) title of Lord of Trikalinga (Trikalingādhipati), seeing that his hold over the three contiguous districts of Gōdāvarī. Vizagapatam and Ganjām now became practically undisputed. To this victory may also be attributed his description in our inscription as the thousand-rayed (sun) in the firmament of the spotless family of the Gangas. Indeed, the might of Indravarman may be said to have dispelled the threatening clouds of a dangerous foreign offensive.

At this point it becomes necessary for us to take into consideration a number of kings whose records should be placed on paleographical grounds in the period A D. 400-500, roughly indicating the interval between the southern campaign of Samudragupta and the rise of the Eastern Ganga dynasty. These are Anantavarman of the Srungavarapukōṭas and Siripuram plates. Saktivarman of the Rāgōlu plates. Umavarman of the Bṛihatprōshṭhāu. Dhavalapōṭau and Tekkaliu plates. Chaṇḍavarman of the Kōmartiu and Tiritthūṇau plates. Ananta-Saktivarman

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> J. B. B. R. A. S., Vol. XVI, p. 119. Dr. G. Jouveau-Dubreud, however, assumes on the evidence of the Rāmatīrtham plates that it was the Vishnukundin monarch who emerged triumphant, from this struggle (Aucunt History of the Deccan, p. 91).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Ind. Ant., Vol. XIII, p. 120.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Above, Vol. IV, p. 195.

<sup>\*</sup> Ancient History of the Deccan, pp. 76 and 91

<sup>5</sup> In an earlier study (J. A. H. R. S., Vol. II, p. 159), Mr. Subba Rao held that Adhirāja Indra of the Gödāvarī plates should be identified with Indravarman of the Achyutapuram (above, Vol. III, pp. 128 ff.) and Parlā-Kimedi (Ind. Ant., Vol. XVI, pp. 131 ff.) plates. Dr. Fleet, on the other hand, was inclined to identify Adhirāja Indra with the Indravarman of the Chicacole plates of the Years 128 and 146 (Ind. Ant., Vol. XIII, pp. 120 ff.).

<sup>6</sup> Above, Vol. IV, p. 195.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> However, no inscriptions of Indravarman expressly under his own name, have turned up yet from either of the districts of Gödävarī and Vizagapatam. The Ganjām district on the contrary remained the stronghold of the Eastern Gangas throughout their history, as can be judged from the imposing array of copper-plate inscriptions beginning from the Jirjingi plates onwards.

<sup>8</sup> Above, Vol. XXIII, pp. 56 ff.

<sup>9</sup> Ibid., Vol. XXIV, pp. 47 fl.

<sup>10</sup> Ibid., Vol. XII, pp. 1 ft.

<sup>11</sup> Ibid., pp. 4 ff.

<sup>12</sup> J. A. H. R. S., Vol. X, pp. 143 ff.

<sup>13</sup> An. Rep. on South Indian Epigraphy (1934-35), C. P. No. 13.

<sup>14</sup> Above, Vol. IV. pp. 142 ff.

<sup>15</sup> An. Rep. on South Indian Epigraphy (1934-35), C. P. No. 12.

of the Madras Museum plates, Nanda¹-Prabhañjanavarman of the Chicacole plates² and Viśākhavarman of the Kōrōshaṇḍā plates.³

All of these potentates, with the exception of Viśākhavarman. call themselves 'kings of Kalinga' (Kalinaādhipati). It is probable that these kings rose into prominence in the period following the withdrawal of the arms of Samudragupta from the south. After him the Guptas never actively interested themselves in South Indian politics, thus affording ample opportunity for these chiefs, as they originally were, to raise their heads and assume regal distinctions. Naturally, as some of them were living contemporaneously with others, they fought vehemently among themselves for control of the territory now covered by the districts of Gōdāvarī and Vizagapatam. Their objective, at least that of some of them, was perhaps the Orissa littoral, pushing through the districts of Gānjām and Puri right up to the outskirts of Balasore's and beyond that the important port of Tāmraliptī on the Bay of Bengal. This was the period which coincided with the gradual rise to power of the Eastern Gangas under the capable leadership of Indravarman. It is not yet possible, in the absence of more substantial details of historical value, to make out the relation, if there were any, in which all these early 'kings' stood to one another. While some of them like Saktivarman, Umavarman and Viśākhavarman may have flourished' before the time of Indravarman. it is probable that others like Anantavarman and Nanda-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Ibid., No. 24.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Ind. Ant.. Vol. XIII, pp. 48 ff. Here we may in passing be permitted to dwell a little on the significance of the prefix 'Nanda' coming before the name of this king. Dr. D. C. Sircar's suggestion (Journ. Dept. of Letters, Calcutta University, Vol. XXVI, p. 66, f. n. 2) that it denotes "Prabhañjanavarman of the Nanda family" seems to be somewhat speculative as it is without a parallel in the early history of Kalinga. A simpler and more reasonable explanation would be that 'Nanda' is here used as an honorific adjective (qualifying Prabhañjanavarman) in the sense of 'one who pleases everybody'. In fact, another variant of the same word, 'Nandaka', has the significant meaning of 'one who gladdens one's family' (cf. V. S. Apte, The Practical Sanskrit-English Dictionary, 2nd ed., Bombay, 1912, p. 535). The names of some of the early Pallava kings like Śiva-Skandavarman, Vijaya-Skandavarman, etc., could be cited (as suggested by Dr. Sircar in Successors of the Sātavāhanas in Lower Deccan, pp. 166-67) as parallel instances of such honorific prefixes being in common use in South India from an early time.

<sup>3</sup> Above, Vol. XXI, pp. 23 ff.

<sup>4</sup> Mr. G. Ramdas, however, advances (above, Vol. XXI, p. 24) two plausible reasons in support of his supposition that Višākhavarman was a Kalinga king. These are (1) Kōrāsōdaka-Pañchālī, mentioned in the Kōrōshandā plates, "formed a part of the Kalinga Country", and (2) Śrīpura from which the Kōrōshandā plates were issued may be identified with Siripuram (Vizagapatam district) which is close to the ancient district of Varāhavartanī of Kalinga. Mr. G. V. Srinivasa Rao, on the other hand, suggests (above, Vol. XXIV, p. 49) that Srīpura of the Kōrōshandā plates may rather be the Siripuram, a village near Chicacole, the find-spot of the inscription of another 'king of Kalinga' (Kalingādhipati), viz., Anantavarman.

FA most convincing and significant evidence of this having been the actual state of things is afforded by the Srungavarapukōta plates of Anantavarman (above, Vol. XXIII. pp. 56 ff.), 'Lord of Kalinga', whose grandfather, Gunavarman, is called 'Lord of Dēvarāshtra' (identified with modern Yellamanchili tāluk of the Vizagapatam district) and who himself issued his grant from Pishtapura (identified generally with modern Piṭhāpuram in the Gōdāvarī district). Both of these countries constituted two distinct kingdoms in the time of Samudragupta.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> About this time the Balasore district seems to have been in the hands of a group of chiefs, of obscure antecedents and relation, who called themselves (with one exception)  $mah\bar{a}r\bar{a}ja$ . Four inscribed copper-plates purporting to belong to their rule have recently been published by the late lamented Mr. N. G. Majumdar (above, Vel. XXII, pp. 197 ff.). Incidentally, there is one more (rather imperfectly studied) inscription belonging to one of these chiefs which escaped the notice of Mr. Majumdar. This latter record 1 hope shortly to deal with in this journal.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> This of course is more in the nature of a conjecture as we have no more a basis than that of the indefinite evidence of palæography of the records concerned. It seems rather distressing that some of these 'kings' did not think it worthwhile to put on record the names of their fathers.

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Prabhañjanavarman lived contemporaneously with Indravarman. It is even possible that the latter was originally a petty chief of no political position, wielding his influence over a small stretch of territory in the Gōdāvarī valley. In course of time he collected a large following, with whose help he set forth to carve out an independent realm for himself. The Ganjām district conveniently abutting on the Orissan frontier and affording avenues for further northward expansion, satisfactorily answered his expectations. And while vet endeavouring to build up the nucleus of a future empire, disquieting news reached him of clashing of steel at his rear in the Gōdāvarī valley. In all haste, Indravarman prepared and launched an offensive, and, ultimately, after what must have been quite a number of herce engagements, succeeded in maintaining his hold over the Gōdāvarī and Vizagapatam districts, while improving and fortifying his lease in the Ganjām district.

Unfortunately, the material at our disposal does not permit us yet to develop in fuller details the reconstruction of the bistory of the rise of the Eastern Ganga power. What we have contented ourselves with doing is to suggest the broad outlines of a story which after all may not be quite out of tune with those hectic days in the history of Kahnga. At least, and it appears to lend some force of conviction to our line of argument, it would explain the claim, though somewhat conventionalised in form, of Indravarman in our present record (Il 4-7) to have subdued in more than one battle many 'chiefs' by his own prowess. It does not seem to be an empty pandering to the vanities of a disillusioned patron by his scribe. No other epithet could describe the feat of this valiant soldier more aptly.

Of the localities mentioned, Dantapura is referred to for the first time in this record. It occurs next in the Purle plates1 of Indravarman (year 149). The place had a Buddhist association in that the left canine tooth of the lower jaw of the Buddha is said to have been brought over there by one of the Master's disciples and a stupu built over it. Subsequently, it was taken away to Cevlon. A verse preserved in the Digha Vikāya, and incorrectly reproduced in the Mahārastu, speaks of Dantapura as the capital of the Kalingas.2 It is also mentioned as such in the Mahagovinda-sattanta 3. The Jatakas refer several times to this city, which fact doubtlessly establishes its antiquity. Many suggestions have been advanced in regard to the identification of this ancient city Sir Alexander Cunningham's located it at modern Rajahmundry on the Godavari. Mr. Ramdase places it in the neighbourhood of Chicacole. Professor Sylvain Lévi identified this Dantapura with the Paloura of Ptolemy and was inclined to seek for it somewhere near modern Chicacole 8 Mr. N. L. Dey, on the other hand, suggested9 its identification with modern Dantan on the river Kasai in the Midnapur district of Bengal According to Mr. R Subba Rao,10 Dantapura may be looked for in "the ruins of the fort of the same name, situated on the southern bank of the river Vamsadhara, three miles from Chicacole Road Station" of the Bengal-Nagpur Railway. According to another view.11" the place must be near

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Above, Vol. XIV, pp. 361-62.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Cambridge History of India, Vol. I. pp. 172-73.

<sup>3</sup> Dīgha Nikāya (P. T. S.), p. 235.

See now, Ratilal N. Mehta, Pre-Buddhist India, Bombay 1939, p. 401, s. v. Dantapura,

<sup>6</sup> Geography of Ancient India (ed. by S. N. Majumdar-Sastri), pp. 592-3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Above, Vol. XIV, p. 361.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> L. Renou, La Géographie de Ptolémee, L'Inde (VII, 16), Paris 1925.

<sup>8</sup> P. C. Bagchi, Pre-Aryan and Pre-Dravidian in India, pp. 163 ff; especially, p. 171.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Geographical Dictionary of Ancient and Mediceval India, 2nd ed., p. 53.

<sup>10</sup> J. A. H. R. S., Vol. VI, p. 73.

<sup>11</sup> J. B. O. R. S., Vol. XXI, pp. 137-38.

the Chilkā Lake and the old route from Malud". Pandit Nilakantha Das, finally, believes that "Dantapur is undoubtedly the present Puri of Jagannath".

A like divergence of opinion prevails over the question of connotation of the geographical expression **Trikalinga**. According to Mr. R. D. Banerji<sup>2</sup>, **Trikalinga** comprised within it the tracts of country anciently known as Kalinga. Tōsala and Utkala; while Dr. R. G. Basak believes that it included Udra (Orissa proper), Kōngōda and Kalinga. Mr. G. Ramdas lastly holds that Trikalinga denoted "the highlands intervening between the cost (sic) strip called Kalinga and the Dakshina-Kōsala or the modern Chatisgarh (sic)".

The village of **Jijjika** which was given away, is evidently, as already suggested by Mr. Subba Rao, the same as the modern village of Jirjingi, the find-spot of our record, in the Tekkali Zemindary of the Ganjām district. The **Võňkhara**-bhōya, in which the village granted was situated. I am unable to identify.

The date of the record is given as the 21st day of Vaisakha of the year 39 of the prosperous reign [of the Gangas]. The epoch of this era being still unsettled, it is hazardous to attempt at any sure estimation of its correct age. Failing all other help, we are constrained to fall back on the solitary evidence of the paleography of the record under discussion. Taking all things into consideration and leaving a reasonable margin on either side, we would refer this record to the period 475-550 A.D.

#### TEXT.

### First Plate.

- 1 Öm<sup>7</sup> Svastı [[]\*] Amara-pura-pratisparddhi-śri(śrī)mad-**Dantapurād=bhagavatas=** sakala^-bhu-
- 2 vana-tal-otpatti-sthiti-pralaya-hētoh Paramēśvarasya satata-pranā-
- 3 m-āvāptaḥ9-puṇya-sañchaya-prabhāva-nirast-āśēsha-duritō Gāng-āmala-kula-
- 4 gagana-tala-sahasraraśmih anēka-chāturddanta-samara-vijava-
- 5 vimala-vikōśa-mstrmśa10-dhārā-samākrānta-sakala-sāmanta-
- 6 nripati-mandal-ādhipatih11-makuţa-nihita-ruchira-padmarāga-
- 7 prabhā-prasēka-parishvanga-pingāngīkrita12-charaņa-yugalah

## Second Plate; First Side.

- 8 atula-va(ba)la-samuday-āvāpta-vipula-vibhava-sampal-latā-
- 9 maṇḍapa-chehhāyā-viśrānta-suhiit-sādhu-vā(bā)ndhav-ārtthi-janah
- 10 mātā-pitri-pād-ānuddhyātas=Trikaling-ādhipati-śrī-Mahā-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> J. A. H. R. S., Vol. II, p. 23.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> History of Orissa, Vol. I, map facing p. 49.

<sup>3</sup> History of North-Eastern India, p. 161.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> J. A. H. R. S., Vol. 1, pp. 16 ff.; esp. p. 23,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Ibid., Vol. III, p. 49.

<sup>6</sup> From ink-impressions kindly supplied by the Government Epigraphist for India.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Expressed by a symbol.

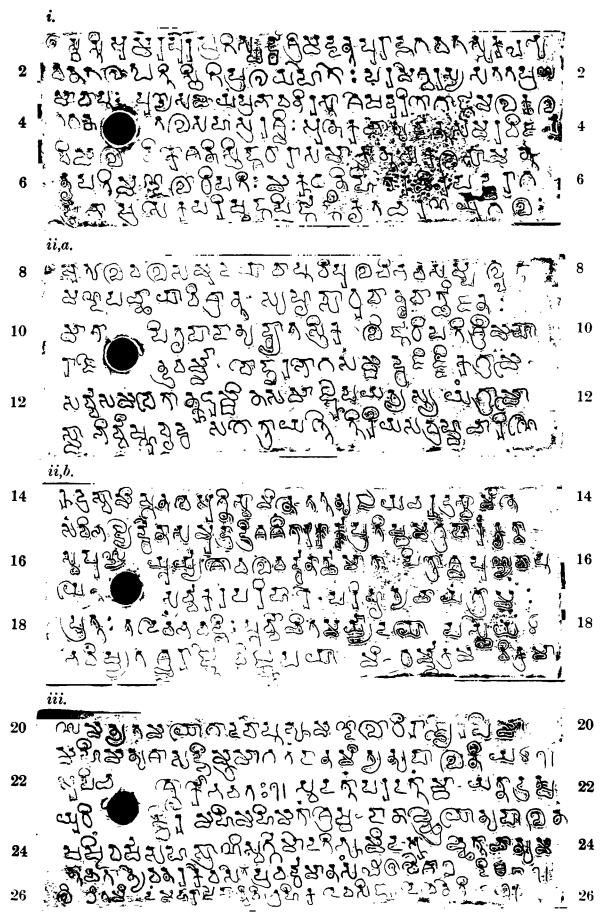
<sup>8</sup> Note the northern form of l.

<sup>9</sup> Read -āvāpta-.

<sup>10</sup> Read -nistrimsa.

<sup>11</sup> Read adhipati.

<sup>13</sup> Better read -piśangīkrita-.



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- 11 rāj-**Ēndravarmmā** † Võnkhara-bhöga-\*sammbaddha-Jijjika-grāmē
- 12 sarvva-samavētān=kutumbina[s\*]-samājñāpavatv=astv=avam grāmō=
- 13 smābhir=Vvishnuvriddha-sagōttrāva Ttai(Tai)ttirīva-savra(bra)hmachārinē

### Second Plate: Second Side.

- 14 Rudrasvāmi-sūnavē Agnisvāminē tat-tanujāva cha Rudrasvāminē
- 15 samvibbajy, árddhén á-samudr-ádri-sási-tárak-árkka-pratishtham agraháram kritvá
- 16 sva-puny-āvū(yu)r-vva'ō-va(ba)la-varddhan-ārttha[m\*] mātā-pittrōś cha puny-āvāpta-
- 17 vē l<sup>1</sup> sarvva-kara-parihārai(h\*) | <sup>1</sup> parihitva ch-ā**va**m grāmah
- 18 prattah [[\*] tad évam bhavadbhih pūrvy-ōchita-marvyādav-ōpasthēvam [[\*]
- 19 bhavishvataś-cha rājāō vijāāpavāmı | dharmma-krama-vikramā-

### Third Plate.

- 20 ņām anvatama-yogād-avāpta-bhūmaņdal-ādhirājyair apimā(p-īmāth)
- 21 mahīm=anuśāsadbhili kram-āgatam dānamī(m-i)tv-anupālanīvam
- 22 api cha ślōkau bhayatah "Sya-dattām para-dattām myā(yā) yatnād=raksha
- 23 Yudhishthira []\*] mahī[m\*] mahimatām śrēshṭha dānāch-chhrēyō=nupālanam-(nam) [[]1\*]
- 24 Shashtim varsha-sahasrāni svarggē modatī bhūmida(h\*) | āchchhēttā ch-ānuma-
- 25 ntā cha tāny ēva narakē vasēt [] 2\*] pravarddhamāna-sam 30 94 Vaišākha-di 20 1 []
- 26 likhitam-idam mahārājhō' sāndhivigrahīka-Dēvasingha(simha)dēvēn=ēti |

#### TRANSLATION.

### (L. 1) Om Hail!

From the beautiful (city of) Dantapura, which vies with Amarāvatī (the city of gods), the glorious Mahārāja Indravarman, Lord of Trikalinga— who has had all his sins removed by dint of his accumulation of religious merit obtained through his constantly doing obeisance to Siva who is the cause of creation, preservation and destruction of the entire world; who is a sun in the firmament of the spotless family of the Gangas; who has his pair of feet made tawny-coloured by their contact with the lustre of brilliant rubies infixed to the crowns of all the sāmantanripatis and maṇḍalādhipatis whom he had subdued by his stainless and unsheathed sword while winning many a battle of four-tusked (elephants); who has his friends, the virtuous, relatives

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The stop seems to have been indicated by a single dot. This is however superfluous.

<sup>2</sup> Read -sambaddha-.

<sup>3</sup> Metre Anushtubh; and in the following verse.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Mr. R. Subba Rao first read the date as 309. Subsequently, however, he corrected his mistake in a slip attached opposite the title-page of the same number of the journal in which his article appeared (J. A. H. R. S., Vol. III, Part I). Cf. also in this connection a note—by Dr. D. C. Sircar (J. A. H. R. S., Vol. VII, pp. 229 ff.) also An. Rep. on S. Ind. Epi. for 1934-35, Part II, p. 55.

<sup>5</sup> Read mahārājasya.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> I have preferred to leave these two titles untranslated accepting the strictures passed by Dr. J. F. Fleet (J. B. B. R. A. S., Vol. XVI, p. 114, n. 2) on the common practice of rendering such technical expressions into (meaningless) English.

<sup>7</sup> Chaturdanta signifies, traditionally, the far-famed mount of Indra, riz., Airāvata. [See above, Vol. XXII, p. 178. n. 4.—Ed.]

and supplicants enjoying comfort under the shade of an arbour, as it were, of his enormous wealth obtained by his unequalled might and exertion: who is devoted to the feet of his parents—issues (the following) order to all the assembled householders of the village of **Jijjika** belonging to the **Võnkhara**- $bh\bar{o}ga^1$ :—

- (L 12) "We have granted this village, in two equal shares, -after making it an agrahāra which is to last as long as the ocean, the mountain, the moon, the stars and the sun, and freeing it from all impositions, for the increase of Our own religious merit, life fame and strength as well as for the acquisition of religious merit of Our parents—to Agnisvāmin, son of Rudrasvāmin and to his (Agnisvāmin's) son Rudrasvāmin, who belong to the Vishnuvriddha qōtra and are religious students of the Taittirīva śākhā.
  - "Therefore, you should abide by this (order) according to usages obtaining heretofore.
- "I also exhort the future kings: -- Even having obtained possession of the entire world by means of right, inheritance, or conquest, while ruling on this earth, they should always preserve this gift."
  - "And there are also two verses:
- (Verse 1)—O Yudhishthira! Most excellent among the possessors of land! diligently preserve (a gift of) land given by yourself or given by somebody else. Maintenance (of a donation) is more meritorious than donation (itself).
- (Verse 2)—A donor of land enjoys himself in heaven for sixty thousand years. A confiscator (thereof) and one who consents (to the confiscation) remain in hell for the same number of years."
  - (L 25) The increasing Year 30 9; the day 20 1 of (the month ) Vaisākha.
  - (I. 26) This has been written by the king's Sandherigrahika2 Dēvasimhadēva.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For a note on bhöga, see above, Vol. XXIII, pp. 59 and 64.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Dr. A. C. Burnell quotes (Elements of South Indian Palacography. 1st ed., Mangalore, 1874, pp. 64-66) passages from old texts like the Yājžavalkya Dharmaśāstra, the Mitāksharā, the Smritichandrikā, etc., to show that common usage required that the Sāndhicignahīka, among other officials of the same rank, should be entrusted with the task of drafting a royal grant (rājaśāsana).

## No. 30.-POONA PLATES OF CHALUKYA VINAYADITYA; SAKA 612.

BY MADHO SARUP VATS, M.A.

This grant, consisting of three copper-plates each measuring  $9\frac{3}{4} \times 4$  in, and held together by a big ring, was purchased by me in 1936 at **Poona** as Superintendent of the Western Circle. To the ring, which is  $3\frac{3}{4}$  in, in diameter, is affixed a projecting seel, somewhat oval  $(1\frac{1}{4} \times 1\frac{1}{5}$  in.), of which the countersunk surface is relieved with the figure of the boar (incarnation of Vishņu) as is usually found on grants of the Western Chalukyas of Badāmi. The seal is however without any legend. The weight of the three plates together with the ring and the seal is about 3 lbs, and 14 oz.

The first and the third plates, as is usual with such grants, are inscribed on the inner face only and the second or the middle one on both. The inscription, which I have edited from the original plates, is in an excellent state of preservation and consists of 35 lines of writing, i.e., nine on each face except the last one which has only eight lines. The orthography is generally regular, though in a few places the rules of sandhi are not observed, e.g., in Vishnöh Vārāhaih (l. 1), smāhāih dvādaš (l. 23). It is wrongly observed in bālindu (l. 18). A consonant followed or preceded by r is generally doubled as in kshōbhit-ārnnava (l. 1), varttamā vē (l. 24), parrnnamā yō in (l. 25), etc., and in sagōttrānām (l. 2), puttrānām (l. 3), pavittrīknita-yōttrasya (l. 6), māttra (l. 11), etc.

Except the grantee, the property granted and the date, the present record agrees very closely with the published grants of the Chalukya sovereign Vinayāditya.<sup>1</sup> It opens with the stereotyped description of the Chalukya family in which Pulakēśin I, Kīrtivarman, Satyāśraya (Pulakēśin II), Vikramāditya and Vinayāditya Satyāśraya ruled as direct descendants. When Vinayāditya was encamped at the village Mañchōha,<sup>2</sup> which is probably no other than Manchhar in the Poona district on the road to Nāsik, he issued the grant at the request of his queen on the full moon day of Vaiśākha, Śaka year 612 expired, corresponding to his 10th<sup>3</sup> regnal year in favour of two Brāhmaṇas named Durgaśarman and Raviśarman of the Kāśyapa yōtra<sup>4</sup>. This date corresponds to Friday, 29th April 690 A.D. The property granted consisted of a field measuring 50 nivartanas of land in the village of Tōravē, presumably the same as the modern village Torreh in the Bījāpur District. The record closes with the name of its writer Śrī-Rāmapuṇyavallabha, the high minister of peace and war who is mentioned in all other grants of the king.

As several inscriptions of dates earlier and later than that of the present grant have already been found, this record adds very little to our knowledge of the history of the Chalukva family.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Cf. Togarchēdu plates of Śaka 611 (J. B. B. R. A. S., Vol. XVI, pp. 242-44) and Sorab grant of Śaka 614 (Ind. Ant., Vol. XIX, pp. 146-52).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> [See p. 291, n. 1 below.—Ed.]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The difficulty of reconciling the dates given in Saka Samvat with the regnal years of Vinayāditya has already been referred to by J. F. Fleet in editing the Sorab copper-plate grant of this king, cf. Ind. Ant., Vol. XIX, pp. 148-49.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>[The gift was made kanyā-dharmm-ārtham which I take in the sense of kanyā-dāna-dharm-ārtham. i.e., for the merit accruing from the gift of a girl (in marriage). Apparently the girls were given in marriage to the two Brahmin donees by the queen. The 'gift of a girl' to a learned Brahmin entails great merit and according to Dharmašāstras this should be accompanied by grant of lands among other gifts. See Hēmādri, Chaturvarga-chintāmani, Dānakhanḍa, Pt. II (ed. S. A. Deekshita, Benares), pp. 649-50.—Ed.]

### TEXT.

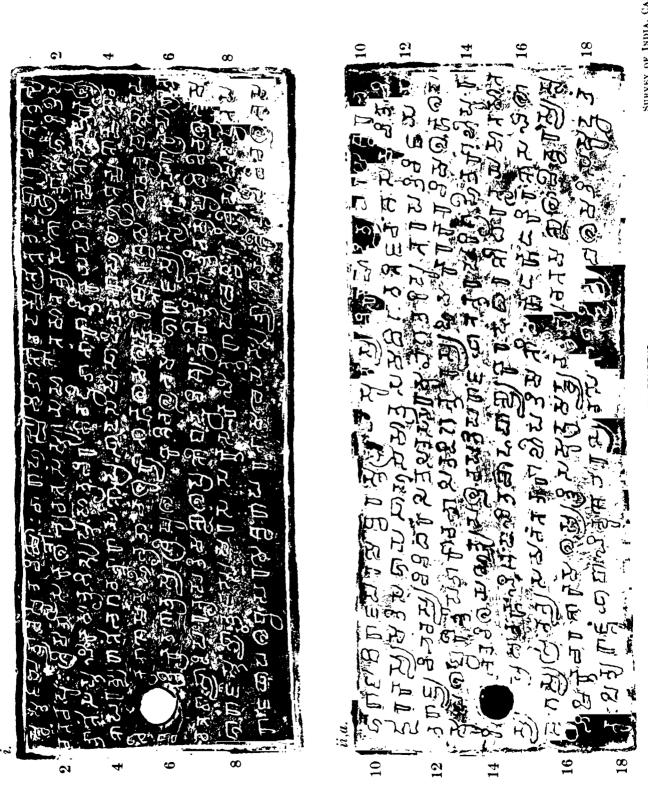
## First plate.

- 1 स्वस्ति [॥\*] जयत्याविष्कृतं विश्णीः वाराहं चीभितार्स्यवं(वम्) [।\*] दिचणीबतदंष्टा-ग्रवित्रान्तभु-
- 2 वनं वपु: [॥\*] श्रीमतां सकलभुवनसंस्तूयमानमानव्यसगीत्राणां हारितीपु-
- 3 चाणां सप्तलीकमाद्धभिस्मप्तमाद्धभिरभिवर्षितानां कार्त्तिकेयपरिरचणप्राप्तकल्या-
- 4 णपरम्पराणां भगवन्नारायणप्रसादसमासादितवराइलाञ्छनेचणचणव-
- 5 शीक्तताशिषमहीस्तां चलुक्यानां कुलमलङ्गरिष्णीरस्वमेधावस्यस्नानप-
- <sup>6</sup> वित्तीक्षतगात्रस्य श्रीपुलकेशिव<mark>त्तभमहाराजस्य सूनुः पराक्रमाक्रान्त</mark>-
- 7 वनवारवादिपरत्रपतिमण्डलप्रणिवडविग्रडकीर्त्तिः कीर्त्तिवर्मापृथिवीवस्रभम-
- 8 हाराजस्तस्यात्मजस्ममरसंसत्तसकलीत्तरापयेश्वरश्रीहर्षवर्ष्टनप-
- 9 राजयोपलव्यपरमध्यरापरनामधेयसात्यात्रयत्रीपृथिवीवस्रभम-

### Second Plate: First Side.

- 10 हाराजाधिराजपरमेश्वरस्तुत्रियसुतस्य विक्रमादित्यपरमेश्वरभ-
- 11 ट्टारकस्य मितसङ्गयसाङ्समान्नसमिधगतनिजवंग्रसमुचितचि-
- 12 तराज्यविभवस्य विविधरसितसितसमरमुखगतरिपुनरपतिविजयस-
- 13 मुपलब्धकीर्त्तिपताकावभासितदिगन्तरस्य हिमकरकरविमलकुलप-
- 14 रिभवविलयहेतुपत्तवपतिपराजयानन्तरपरिग्टहीतकाञ्चीपुर-
- 15 स्य प्रभावकुलिशदलितचीकपाग्डाकेरकधरणीधरचयमानमान-
- 16 ग्रंगस्य अनन्यसमवनतकाञ्चीपतिमणिमकुटकुटिकरणसलिला-
- 17 भिषिताचरणकामलस्य चिसमुद्रमदावर्त्ताभुवनमण्डलाधीश्वरस्य स्र-
- 18 नु: पितुराज्ञया बालि(ले)न्दुशेखरस्वेव सेनानीईंत्यबलमितसमुद्धतं

<sup>1</sup> Read Vishnör-varahain.





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Second Plate; Second Side.

- 19 वैराज्यपत्नवबलमवष्टभ्य समस्त्रविषयप्रशमनाहिहिततनानीनु-
- 20 रञ्जन: ग्रत्यन्तवतालवाद्युधिष्ठिर इव श्रीरामत्वाद्वासुदेव इव नृपांकुश-
- 21 त्वा(त्वा)त्परग्रराम इव राजाश्रयत्वाङ्गरत इव विनयादित्यसत्याश्रयश्रीपृधि-
- 22 वीवस्मामहाराजाधिराजपरमेष्वरभट्टारकसूर्व्वानवमाज्ञापयति वि-
- 23 दितमस्तु वीस्राभि: द्वादशीत्तरषट्ळ(ट्या)तेषु शकवर्षेप्वतीतेषु प्रव-
- 24 र्ह्मानविजयराज्यसंवत्सरे दश्मे वर्त्तमाने  $^1$ मञ्जोङ्गाममधिवसति विज-
- 25 यस्त्रन्थावारे वैशाखपौर्समास्थां महादेवीविज्ञापनया कन्याधमार्थि
- 26 काश्यपसगीत्तस्य(त्राभ्यां) दुमा(र्गा)श्रमीरविश्रमीभ्यां राजमानेन तोरविश्रामे पञ्चाश-
- 27 ब्रिवर्त्तनपरिमाणं पश्चिमदिग्भागे सर्व्वभोगा(ग)परिहारी दत्त[:\*]

## Third Plate.

- 28 तदागामिभिरस्नद्वंग्यैरन्येच राजभिरायुरैखर्य्यादीनां विलसित-
- 29 मचिरांग्र[चं]चलमवगच्छ्रद्विराचन्द्रार्कधरार्खवस्थितिसमकालं
- 30 यग्रस्विचीषुभि[:] स्वदत्तिनिर्व्विभेषं परिपालनीयमुक्तं च भगवता व-
- 31 द्रव्यासेन व्यासेन [ $\mathfrak{i}^*$ ] बहुभिर्व्वसुधा भुक्ता राजभिस्सगरादिभिर्थ्यस्य $^*$  य-
- 32 स्य यदा भूमिस्तस्य तस्य तदा फलं(नम्) [॥\*] स्वन्दातुं सुमहच्छकां दु:-
- 33 खमन्यस्य पालनं(नम्) [۱\*] दानं वा पालनं वेति दानाच्छेयीनुपालनं(नम्) [॥\*] स्वदत्तां प-
- 34 रदत्तां वा यी हरेत वसुन्धरां(राम्) [।\*] षष्टिं वर्षसहस्राणि विष्ठायां जायर्त क्रिमि: [॥\*]
- 35 महासान्धिविग्रहिकश्रीरामपुख्यवस्रीन लिखितमिदं शासनं [1]

<sup>1 [</sup> I read Manchul-gramam = .- Ed.]

<sup>2</sup> Read =Sagar-ādibhih/yasya.

## No. 31.--ANJANERI PLATES OF GURJARA JAYABHATA III; K. 461.

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BY MADHO SARUP VATS, M.A., AND D. B. DISKALKAR, M.A.

This grant consists of **two plates** which are held together by two copper-rings, one of which has an oval seal containing the letters  $\dot{s}r\bar{\imath}$ -Jayabhaṭa embossed below a peculiar symbol resembling a flying Garuḍa. They were found with a Marāṭhā family surnamed Shid of **Anjaneri** village in the Nāsik District along with two copper-plate grants of Prithivīchandra Bhōgaśakti, dealt with above<sup>1</sup>, and measure  $12\bar{\imath}'' \times 9\frac{3}{8}''$ . The first plate contains 18 lines of writing and the second 21.

The characters belong to the southern variety and closely resemble those of the Nausārī<sup>2</sup> and Kāvī<sup>3</sup> plates of Jayabhaṭa III and IV issued in the years 456 and 486 respectively. With the exception of the attestation in the last line, its palæography is similar to that of the Chalukya and Rāshṭrakūṭa grants of the seventh century A.D. found in Gujarāt. The characters in the attestation are cursive and differ from the rest of the inscription. Often a dot has been used in the record to denote a mark of punctuation.

The record is dated the 11th day of the dark half of Aśvina, Tulā-saṅkrānti, (Kalachūri) Samvat 461 corresponding to A.D. 709-10 4 and was issued from Bharukachchha (Broach). The introductory portion, containing the description of the family of Jayabhaṭa, agrees with that given in the two grants mentioned above. The genealogy starts with Dadda (II) who was born in the lineage of Mahārāja Karṇa and who protected the lord of Valabhī who was defeated by Harshadēva (identified with Dharasēna IV who suffered defeat at the hands of Harshavardhana of Kanauj). His son was Jayabhaṭa (II) and his son Dadda (III)-Bāhusahāya. The latter's son was Jayabhaṭa (III), the donor, who was a great devotee of Mahēśvara and had obtained the five great sounds (samadhigota-paūcha-mahāśabda).

The beneficiary in the present grant was a Brāhmaṇa named **Nārāyaṇa** son of Vasusvāmin of Pābhilya **gōtra** and Chhandōga-Kauthuma śākhā and a resident of **Brahmapurī**.

The property granted consisted of three pieces of land totalling 60 nivartanas in and around the village Tauraṇaka<sup>5</sup> situated in the Nāndīpura Vishaya: the first measuring 52 nivartanas, the second 5 nivartanas and the third 3 nivartanas.

The importance of this grant lies in the fact that it extends the date of Jayabhaṭa III from the year 456 of the Nausārī plates to the year 461.

The grant mentions certain places situated in the Nāndīpura vishaya which has already been identified with Nandod situated on the Karjan river in the Rajapipla State. The places mentioned are the villages of Tauraṇaka, Jayapura, Vidvēraka and Bhūtishōhī<sup>6</sup> and the river Karillinī. Tauraṇaka, in and around which were situated the three plots of land granted, seems to be the modern Toran (also called Toranmal) on the Karjan river which seems to be the river Karillinī of our grant situated about 2½ miles north of Nandod. It is possible that Jayapura is the same as modern Jitpur, 6 miles east of Nandod and about 8 miles south-east of Toran or Tauraṇaka of the grant. Bhūtishohī<sup>6</sup> and Vidvēraka, however, cannot be identified but should not be far away

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See above, pp. 225 ff.

<sup>3</sup> Ind. Ant., Vol. XIII, pp. 70 ff.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Ibid., Vol. V, pp. 113 ff. Professor Mirashi has since proved that this grant is referable to Jayabhata IV, cf. above, Vol. XXIV, pp. 176 ff.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> [The date would correspond to Tuesday, 23rd September A.D. 710, when the sun seems to have entered the Tulá-rāśi.—Ed.]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> [ See below p. 294, n. 2.—Ed.]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> [This is apparently identical with the modern village of Bhuchhad, about 1½ miles south-west of Toran the western bank of the Karjan.—Ed.]

from the neighbourhood of Nandod.<sup>1</sup> It is interesting to note that the present topography of the place agrees fairly closely with the description given in the grant.

### TEXT.

#### First Plate.

- 1 ॐ² स्वस्ति [॥\*] श्रीभक्तच्छात् सततलच्छीनिवासभूते छणासन्तापहारिणि दिननाथ-विस्तारितानुभावे दिजञ्जलोपजीव्यमानविभवणा-
- 2 लिनि महित महाराजकर्षान्वये कमलाकर दव राजहङ्कः(हंसः) प्रबलकिताल-विलिसताक्कलितविमलस्वभावी<sup>3</sup> गन्भीरी-
- 3 दारचिरतिविस्नापितसकललीकपालमान्सः परमिश्वरत्रीहर्षदेवाभिभूतवलभीपितपिरत्राणीपजा-तभ्यसद-
- 4 दस्त्रश्चास्त्रविश्वमयशीवितानः श्रीदद्दस्तस्य सूनुग्शङ्कतागतप्रणयिजनीपभुक्तविभवसंचयीप-चीयमानम-
- 5 नोनिर्द्यतिरनेककण्टकवङ्ग (वंश)मंदीहदाहदुर्ज्जनितप्रतापाननी निधितनिस्तिङ्ग (स्त्रिंश)धारादा-रितारातिकरिकुश्वमुक्ताफलच्छ-
- 6 लीज्ञसितसितयशीङ्ग् (शीश्र)कावगुण्डितदिग्वधृवदनसरिमजः श्रीजयभद्दस्तस्यात्मजी महामुनिम-नुप्रणीतप्रवचनाधिग-
- 7 मविवेकस्वधर्माानुष्ठानप्रविण्(णी) वर्षात्रमञ्चवस्थीसूलितसक्कलिकालावलेपः प्रणयिजनम-नीरचविषयञ्चतीतविभव-
- 8 संपादनापनीताग्रेषग्रेष'पार्स्यवदानाभिमानी मदविवशांकुशातिवर्तिकुपितकरिनिवारणप्रियत-गुरुगजाधिरी-
- 9 इणप्रभावी विषयपातपतितनरपतिशताभ्युद्धरणनिखिललोकविश्वतपरोपकारकरणव्यसनः प्राच-प्रतीचाधि-
- 10 राजविजृिक्सतमहासंग्रामनरपतिसहस्रपरिवारितानेकगजघटाविघटनप्रकटितसुजवीर्थ्यविख्यातबा-हुसहाया-

<sup>1 [</sup>There is a Virampura about a mile to the west of Jetpur or Jitpur which may be the Brahmapuri, the place of residence of the donee.—Ed.]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Expressed by a symbol.

<sup>3</sup> Should be -vilasit-ānākulita..

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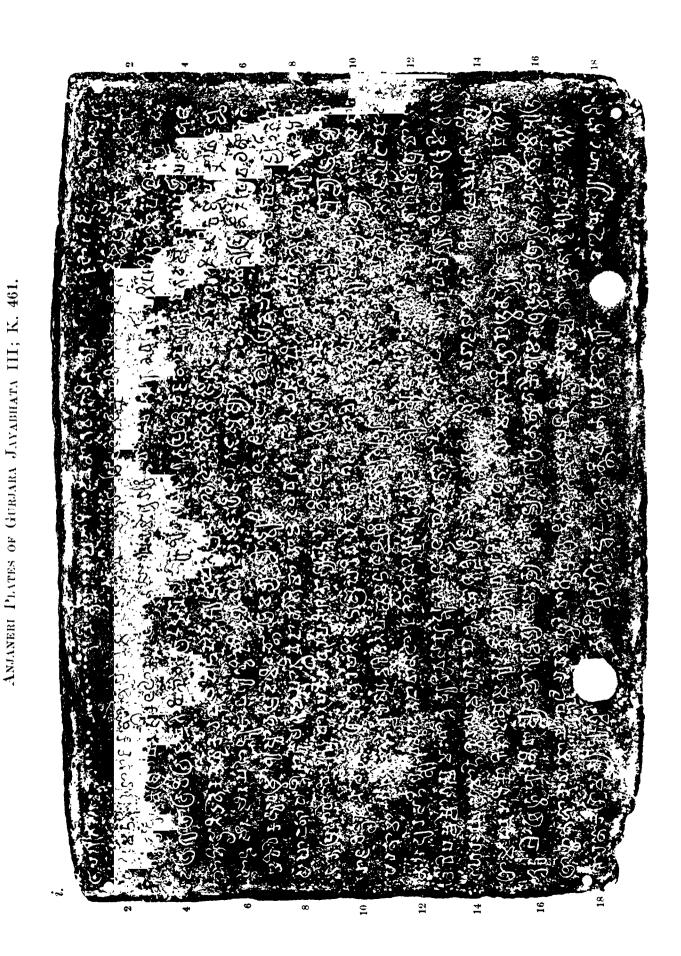
- 11 परनामा । परममाहेखरस्ममधिगतपञ्चमहाग्रब्दश्चीदहस्तस्य स्नुरनेकसमरसंघद्दघनघटित-गजघटापाट-
- 12 नपटुरसिंहणावनगहनदावानली दीनानाधातुरसृष्ट्रत्वजनबन्धुनुमुदान्तरकौमुदीनिशाकरी भागी-रधीप्रवाह द-
- 13 व विपत्तत्त्वोभत्त्रमः शान्तनुरिव समुद्गूतकलकलारावमन्ना[वा]न्त्रिनीपतिरादिवरान्ह दव स्वभुजवलपराक्रमीष्ट्रतध-
- 14 राधर: परममाहेष्वरस्ममधिगतपञ्चमहाग्रब्दश्रीजयभट∺कुग्रली ।¹ सर्व्वानेव राजमा-मन्तभीगिकविषयपतिराष्ट-
- 15 ग्राम[म\*]इत्तराधिकारिकादीन्ममनुदर्भयत्यस्तु वस्तंविदितं यथा मया मातापित्रीरात्मन-श्रीह्वतासुमिकपुष्ययशीभ-
- 16 वृद्धये । त्रद्धपुरीनिवास्थेतचातुर्ब्धियसामान्यडाभिन्यसमीचक्क(च्छ)न्दीमकौथुमसब्रह्मचारिब्रा-द्धाणवसुस्वामिपुच-
- 17 ब्राह्मण्[ना]रायणाय । बिलचरुवैश्वदेवाग्निहोत्रातिथिपञ्चमहायज्ञादिक्क(क्रि)योत्सर्प्यणात्यं । नान्दीपुरविषयान्तर्गत-
- 18 तौरण्कग्रामस्य पूर्वोत्तरदिग्विभागे । द्वापञ्चाम्रतिवर्त्तनप्रमाणं भूखण्डं यस्या-घाटनानि ।

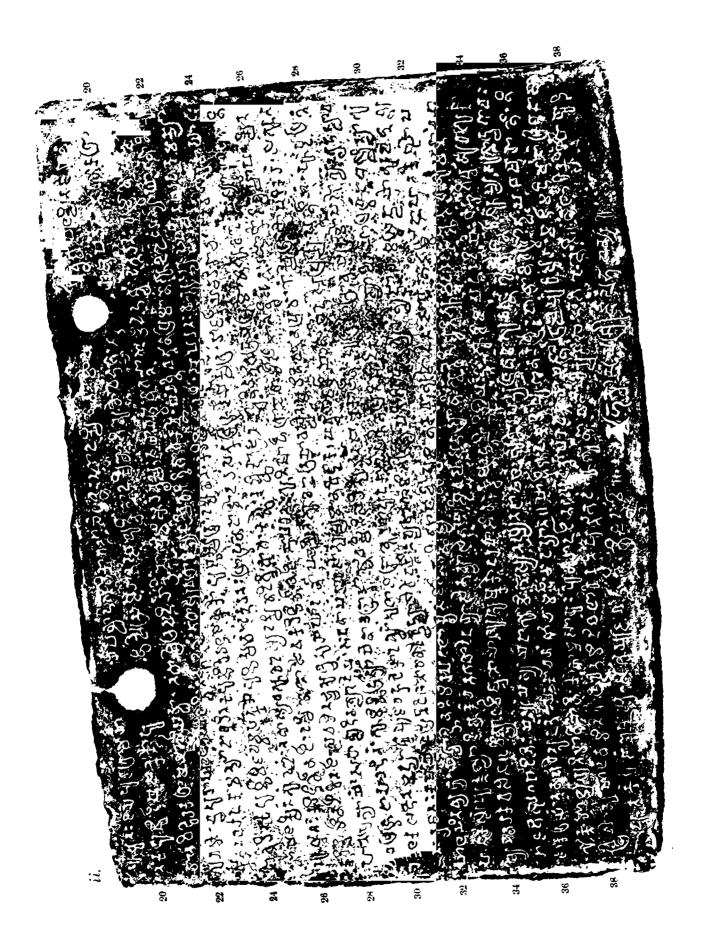
### Second Plate.

- 19 पूर्व्वतः जयपुरयामयायी पन्या इस्तिनिकागर्त्तासंलग्नः(ग्नं) सरी(रः) [।\*] दिच्चितः [क्के(क्के)]दमीवचीपलचितमैरान्तरि-
- 20 तं कुटुम्बिदीपसत्ककीटुम्बिचेचं मैरान्तस्म(स)मुखिती दिचणाभिमुखी वस्य । तथा चपरतः तौरणकया-²
- 21 मात् विदेरकथामयायी पन्या तथा चेत्रमदिशर्थिनी श्रमिश्रार वृद्ध: तथा धमार्गर्गागमी वहस्र । उत्तरतः धमाणखडा ।
- 22 एवमे[त\*]चतुराघाटनोपलचितं भूखख्डं [।\*] तथास्यैव ग्रामस्य दक्षिणदिम्बिभागे कच्छे पंचित्र(नि)वर्त्तनप्रमाणं भूखण्डं । यस्याघाटनानि । पू-

<sup>1</sup> Mark of punctuation unnecessary.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>[The plate reads Töranaka...Ed.]





- 23 र्ब्वत: बरदकमर्यादान्तरितकुटुम्बिरवन्नसत्ककीटुम्बचेत्रं । दच्चिणत: करिन्निनी नदी । श्रमपरतः लग्गुस्तूपलच्चितबरदकमर्या-
- 24 दान्तरितकुटुम्बिवीजधर्मासत्तकौटुम्बिचेचं । उत्तरतः ब्राह्मण्टामीदरसत्तबब्रह्मदेयचेचं । राजकीयचरिका च । यदेवं चतुराघाट-
- 25 नीपलचितं भूखण्डं । तथास्यैव भूखण्डस्य दत्तिणदिग्विभागे कच्छे । कच्छिका-प्रतिबद्धनिवर्त्तनचयप्रमाणं भूखण्डं यस्याघाटनानि
- 26 पूर्व्वतः करिक्किनी नदी । दिच्चिणतीसै(तस्सै)व करिक्किनी नदी अपरतः भूतिषी ही ग्राम-गामीसीमासिन्धः [।\*] उत्तरती(तः) कौक्कविचीपलिच्चत-
- 27 करिम्निनीनदीवितटी । एवमैतचतुश्चतु¹राघाटनीपलचितभूखण्डचयावस्थितं षष्टिनिवर्त्तनप्रमाणं चैत्रं । सोपरिकरं । सभूत-
- 28 पा(वा)तप्रत्यायं । सधान्यज्ञिरखादेयं । सदशापराधं सीत्यद्यमानविष्टिकं । सर्व्वराज-कीयानामज्ञस्तप्रचेपणीयं । पूर्वप्रत्त-
- 29 देवब्रह्मदायगिहतं । भूमिच्छिद्रन्यायेनाचन्द्राक्कार्स्सविस्थि(चि)तिसरित्यर्व्धतसमकालीनं । पुत्र-पात्रान्वयक्रमीपभीग्यं । ग्रहस्थाव-
- 30 रतटाकसहितमदााखयुजबहुले(ले)कादश्यां तुलासंकृग्ति रवावुदकातिसर्गेष प्रतिपा-दितं । यतीस्थीचितया ब्रह्मदायस्थित्या भुं-
- 31 जतः क्षषतः कर्षयतः प्रतिदिश्ति वा न कैश्विद्ध्यासेधे वर्त्तितव्यमागामिभद्रनृपति-भिरसादंश्यैरन्यैश्वायमसाद्दायीनुमन्तव्यः
- 32 पालियतव्यस । यसाज्ञानितिमरपटलावृतमितराच्छिन्द्यादाच्छिद्यमानकं वानुमीदेत स पञ्चभिन्मी हापातकेस्मीप-
- 33 पातकैसंयुक्त[:\*] स्थादित्युक्तं च भगवा(वता) वेदव्यासेन व्यासेन । षष्टिं वर्षसहस्राणि स्वर्गे तिष्ठति भूमिदः [।\*] श्राच्छेत्ता चानुमन्ता च ता-
- 34 न्येव नरके वसेत् ॥ विस्थाटवीष्वतीयासु ग्रुष्ककीटरवासिनः [।\*] क्षणाइयी हि जायन्ते भूमिदायं हरन्ति ये ॥ बहुभिर्व्यसुधा भुक्ता
- 35 राजभिस्तगरादिभि: [1\*] यस्य यस्य यदा भूमि:त(मिस्त)स्य तस्य तदा फलं-(लम्) ॥ श्रग्नेरपत्यं प्रथमं सुवर्सं भूर्व्वेंगावी सूर्व्यसुताञ्च गाव: [1\*]

<sup>1</sup> Omit śchatu which is redundant.

- 36 लीक्क(क)त्रयं तेन भवेनु दत्तं । यः काच(ञ्च)नं गां च महीं च दद्यात् ॥ यानीह दत्तानि पुरा नरेन्द्रैः दा(न्द्रैर्दा)नानि धर्मार्ख्यग्रस्कराणि । नि-
- 37 र्भुज्ञमान्यप्रतिमानि तानि । की नाम साधुः पुनराददीत [॥\*] खदत्तां परदत्तां वा यबाद्रच युधिष्ठिर । महीं महिमतां श्रेष्ठ दाना-
- 38 क्क्रेयोनुपालनमिति<sup>2</sup> ॥ लिखितमिति बलाधिकतदुर्गभटस्नुना बलाधिकतसहभटेनेति ॥ बलाधिकतवादुन्न-
- 39 दूतकं ॥ सं ४०० ६० १ त्राख्युज व १० <mark>१ निवहम् ॥ स्वहस्तो मम</mark> स्रोजयभटस्य ॥

### TRANSLATION.

- (L. 1.) Om. Hail! From the illustrious Bharukachchha:-
- (Ll. 1-15) [Common to Gurjara grants. See Ind. Ant., Vol. XIII, pp. 79-80.]
- (Ll. 15-30) Today on the 11th day of the dark fortnight of the month of Aśvayuja while the sun was in the Tulā Sankrānti, I have given with libation of water to the Brāhmana Nārāyaṇa, son of the Brāhamaṇa Vasusvāmin, resident of Brahmapurī, of the Chāturvidya community and Dābhilya gōtra, a student of Chhandōga-Kauthuma (śākhā) for the performance of the five mahāyajñas, viz., bali, chara, vaiśvadēva, agnīhotra and atithi, a piece of land measuring 52 nivartanas in the north-east of the village Tauranaka included in the Nandipura vishaya. bounded on the east by the path leading to Jayapura village and the pond adjoining the Hastinikā streamlet, on the south by the proprietary field belonging to the householder Dipa, which is comprised in the marsh indicated by the Chhedami tree, and also by the streamlet rising from the fringe of the marsh and flowing southwards; in the west by the path leading from the village Tauranaka to the village Vidvēraka, and the Amiāra (?) tree as well as the streamlet flowing into the Dhammana stream; and in the north by the Dhammana stream—this piece of land thus bounded on all the four sides; and a plot of land measuring five nivartanas in the marshy tract to the south of the same village (Tauranaka) bounded on the east by the proprietary field of the householder Revalla included within the limits of Baradaka; on the south by the Karillini river; on the west by the proprietary field belonging to the householder Vijadharma comprised within the limits of Baradaka marked by Laggustu (?), and on the north by the donated land belonging to the Brahmana Damodara and by the royal pasture land—the land thus bounded on all four sides; and (lastly) another plot of land measuring 3 nivartanas in the marshy area alongside the embankment and situated to the south of this plot of land, bounded on the east and south by the Karillini river; on the west by the boundary line leading to the village Bhūtishōhī; and on the north by the rituli (?) of the Karillini river marked by the Kaulla tree—these plots of land with the boundaries detailed above and measuring in all sixty nirartanas together with the uparikara, bhūta, vāta, pratyāya, etc.

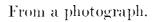
(I.l. 27-38) [ Are common with the published Gurjara grants, especially the Nausārī plates. See Ind. Ant., Vol. XIII, pp. 80-81.]

(Ll. 38-39) Written by the army chief Sahabhata son of the army chief Durgabhata. The army chief Bāvulla (acted as) the Dūtaka. Recorded in the year 461, 11th day of the dark fortnight of Āśvayuja. This is the sign manual of myself—the illustrious Jayabhata.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Danda unnecessary.

² Read °ch-chhrēyō=nupālanam || iti.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> [ See above, p. 294, n. 2.—Ed.]







### No. 32—THE PUNJAI INSCRIPTION OF KRISHNADEVARAYA.

### By Prof. K. A. Nilakanta Sastri, Madras.

This epigraph (No. 184 of 1925 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection) is a copy of an order issued by king **Kṛishṇadēvarāya** of Vijayanagara while he was camping on the banks of the river Kṛishṇavēṇī some time after his conquest of the Kaliṅga country. So far copies of this order have been found engraved in twenty different places in the Chōļamaṇḍalam which formed part of the Vijayanagara empire and to which the order relates. These places are: Śēndamaṅgalam,¹ Tīrthanagari,² Elavānāśūr,³ Neyvaṇai⁴ (S. Arcot District), Tiruviśalūr,⁵ Tirukkaṇḍīśvaram.⁶ Perumuļai,² Korukkai,⁶ Tirunagiri,ఄ Paraśalūr,¹ Puṇjai,¹¹ Ākkūr,¹² Tillaiyāḍi,¹³ Tirukkaḍaiyūr,¹⁴ Śendalai,¹⁵ Iluppappaṭṭu,¹⁶ Talaināyar,¹² Tirumaṅgalakkuḍi¹⁶ (Tanjore District), Tiruppaṭātturai,¹⁰ and Kaṇṇanūr²⁰ (Trichinopoly District). Though they are all copies of the same royal order, certain variations are found in them not only in the details of the order but also in their record of the achievements of the king.

The inscription is edited with the aid of the impressions and transcripts of all its copies kindly placed at my disposal by Mr. C. R. Krishnamacharlu, Superintendent for Epigraphy, Madras. Mr. T. V. Mahalingam, M.A., rendered much invaluable assistance in collating the numerous copies and preparing the text and translation of the record, in the verification of the geographical data, and in many other ways.

The script of all the copies is in mixed Grantha and Tamil, and Sanskrit words are often transliterated into Tamil. The language is Tamil; there are however two Sanskrit verses, one at the beginning and the other at the end. The engraving of the inscription appears to have been the work of persons of mediocre ability, and hence many mistakes are found in each copy. The defective nature of these inscriptions is, for instance, in striking contrast with the excellence of workmanship found in the Chōla inscriptions from the same area. Of the twenty copies of the epigraph only four are complete, those found at Paraśalūr, Puñjai, Ākkūr and Tillaiyādi; and the chief variations among these have been noticed in the footnotes to the text.

The inscription opens with an invocation to Ganapati and Siva, and records the date and the purpose of the royal order together with the titles of the king; it then gives an account of the conquests of **Kṛishṇadēvarāya** in the eastern country till the date of the record, and states that the king while he was halting on the banks of the **Kṛishṇavēṇī** in Saka 1439 (A.D. 1517), remitted 10,000 varāhan (gold pieces) in favour of the Siva and Vishņu temples in the **Chōlamaṇḍalam**. The remission comprised the dues called jōḍi and araśupēṛu; other copies mention in addition, one or more of the following: śūlavari, nilavaļi and marrum pala piravariyalum. 11

There is a like difference among the copies in the number and names of the temples enumerated as the beneficiaries of the remission, only a few (like the one that is being edited) mentioning almost all the places. Generally each of the copies mentions the place where it is found and a few

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12 No. 226 of 1925.
 <sup>1</sup> No. 74 of 1903 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection.
                                                                             <sup>13</sup> No. 235 of 1925.
 <sup>2</sup> No. 125 of 1904.
                                                                             14 No. 251 of 1925.
 <sup>3</sup> No. 142 of 1906.
                                                                             15 No. 214 of 1926.
 4 No. 381 of 1908.
                                                                             <sup>16</sup> No. 137 of 1927,
 <sup>5</sup> No. 355 of 1907.
                                                                             <sup>17</sup> No. 157 of 1927,
 6 No. 80 of 1911.
                                                                             18 No. 223 of 1927.
 7 No. 210 of 1917.
                                                                             19 No. 288 of 1903.
 <sup>6</sup> No. 235 of 1917.
                                                                             20 No. 511 of 1905.
 • No. 406 of 1918.
                                                                            21 See n. 4, p. 305 below.
10 No. 167 of 1925.
11 No. 184 of 1925.
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others. Hence to draw a list of all the places in favour of which the remission was made, a comparative study of all the copies is essential. Here the four complete copies have been closely compared for being edited while the others have been referred to wherever necessary. The full list obtained is given further down.

The inscription is of more than ordinary interest to the student of Vijayanagara history. Firstly, it gives a detailed list of the conquests of Krishnadevaraya in the Telugu country up to the date of the record though it does not state the dates of the different campaigns and conquests. Secondly, on account of the use made of this record by H. Krishna Sastri, it has a bearing on the identification of "Catuir" of Nuniz. a difficult problem for which no satisfactory solution has been offered so far. Lastly it gives us some idea of a few of the taxes and the revenue administration in the empire.

The campaigns of Krishnadevaraya against the Gajapati ruler of Orissa and his confederates which are briefly mentioned in this record have been dealt with in detail by H. Krishna Sastri1 in the light of other inscriptions of the reign and the evidence drawn from contemporary literature, and there is no need, therefore, to consider them at any length here. There is, however, one point on which the opinion tentatively expressed by Krishna Sastri seems to be open to further consideration. This relates to the expedition against Catuir mentioned by Nuniz and the location of that place. Some inscriptions of Krishnadevaraya's reign, like the one now edited, trace the course of the king's northern campaign up to Simhāchalam and Pottunūru, where he planted a pillar of victory. Telugu works of the reign seem to extend the range of the campaign. "From the Pūrijūtāpaharanamu and other Telugu works, however," says Krishna Sastri, "we learn that Krishnarāya did not stop with the setting up of the pillar of victory at Pottunūru, but went further north, even into the interior of the Gajapati's dominions, devastated the country of Oddadi and burnt his capital town of Kataka (i.e., Cuttack) thus forcing the Gajapati to make peace by offering the hand of one of his daughters". He then points out that we have no epigraphical evidence enabling us to decide if this raid into Oddadi took place in continuation of the campaign commemorated by the pillar of victory at Pottunuru or occurred later as part of another campaign, and proceeds: "This much, at any rate, becomes certain from the Simhāchalam records, viz., that Krishnaraya was at Simhadri at the beginning of Saka 1438, and that in Saka 1441 he made over to the temple at Simhāchalam certain villages which were granted to him by the Gajapati king. Whether these latter were the voluntary gifts of the Gajapati ruler on behalf of his ally Krishnarāya or were wrung from him by a regular raid on his capital, are points which cannot be decided at present. Nevertheless there appears to be a clue to some historical event-not yet discovered-in the conquest of Catuir which is mentioned by Nuniz next, perhaps, in chronological order, after making peace with the king of Orya. The name Catuir cannot be traced either in epigraphical records or in Telugu literature. Nor is Nuniz himself very clear in his statements about this place and the expedition against it. He says that Catuir is situated on the Charmaodel side and that it is surrounded by a river which at the time of Krishnaraya's capture was in flood. Besides, the account does not state against whom the attack was directed; nor does it disclose any proper names that could lead to the identification of Catuir. Sewell thinks that there is in this a possible reference to Vellore. But as Telugu literature has so far been found to confirm the facts related in lithic records or registered by Nuniz, it may not be altogether improbable to suppose that the 'Catuir' of Nuniz is identical with Kataka (Cuttack) mentioned in Telugu literature, and that Krishnaraya, according to the latter authority, must have finally compelled

<sup>1</sup> Annual Report, A. S. I., 1908-9, pp. 176-82.

the Gajapati king to flee and burnt his capital before accepting from him the terms of peace and the hand of his daughter in marriage....... Very likely Nuniz took 'Catuir' to be situated in a country different from that of the Gajapati's and thought that the peace with Gajapati was concluded before Krishnarāya started against Catuir".

It is true Nuniz's account of Kṛishṇarāya's expedition against Catuir is vague and leaves many things doubtful; but if any one fact emerges clearly from his account, it is that Catuir was not in Orissa. For he begins his account of this expedition with the categorical statement: 'After Crisnarao had made peace, and had married the daughter of the king of Orya, and had restored to him his wife and land beyond the river, as has been mentioned above, he made ready a large army and prepared to attack Catuir', and he also says: 'after the king returned from Orya he never went again thither'.' These statements show clearly that Nuniz was clear that the expedition against Catuir had nothing whatever to do with the Orissa campaign. And it is not easy to accept the identity of Catuir with Kataka.

Phonetically more plausible is the suggestion of Dr. N. Venkataramanayya that Catuir should be sought in Kayattar in the Tinnevelly District. The Pandvan ruler of Kayattar was, he thinks, besieged at Kāyal by Krishnadēvarāya, and Nuniz's account of the siege of one of the principal cities where the lord of Catuir was has reference to this. He points out that Krishnaraya is said to have conquered Ceylon in an inscription at Pirānmalai, and that some time between A.D. 1514 and A.D. 1522 the ruler of Quilon must have lost control of the eastern part of the Tinnevelly District including the sea-coast, and Krishnarava's expedition must have brought this about. But apart from the inconclusive character of the evidence cited which does not seem quite to sustain the conclusion reached, one serious objection to this reconstruction lies in Nuniz's statement that the land of Catuir 'is on the Charmaodel side'. The term Coromandel coast is generally applied to the coast between say Point Calimere and the Krishnā river, and even if it be loosely extended a little more to the south, it is extremely doubtful if it could be made to cover the whole of the Eastern coast down to Cape Comorin, and if, further, a town so far inland as Kayattar which is at least 25 miles from the sea as the crow flies and much more by the road from Kāyal, can be said to be on the Coromandel side by an author who is using the expression from the standpoint of Vijayanagar.

The suggestion made by Dr. S. K. Aiyangar that Catuir must be taken to be a variant of Kādavar³ ignores the direct statement of Nuniz that Catuir is a geographical name—Catuir, which is the land of a lord who had been in revolt for fifty years '. It is perhaps unnecessary to follow the further stages of the argument built upon such a slender hypothesis.

Now in the contemporary Dutch records of the beginning of the seventeenth century, there is frequent mention of a place called Katoer. This is described as a fortress within a mile of Pulicat. I draw my information not directly from the Dutch records to which I have no access, but from the excellent summaries of them provided by N. McLeod in his De Oost-Indische Compagnie als Zeemogendheid in Azie (2 vols., 1927). We first hear of the place in 1610 under the

<sup>1</sup> Sewell, A Forgotten Empire, pp. 320, 322.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Studies in the History of the Third Dynasty of Vijayanagara, pp. 447-52.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> A yet remembered ruler of a long forgotten empire, pp. 8-11. Dr. Aiyangar's statement that Nuniz's description of the capture of Catuir 'is exactly the description that is given of the siege and capture of Sivanasamudram in the Krishnarājavijayamu' (p. 9) is not supported either by the text or by the summary of it in Sources, pp. 130-31. His other citations from literature, e.g., Pārijātāpaharanamu are not more helpful. The Kongudēšarājākkaļ contains a good account of the Ummattūr campaign, but it has no resemblance to Nuniz's account under reference.

name Aṇai-Kāṭṭūr on the river of Pulicat granted to the Dutch for purposes of trade by Obberāja, a captain of the Vellore army, i.e., of the kingdom of Vijayanagar.¹ Again we find Singama-Naik entrenched in the same place at a distance of  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile from Geldria (the Dutch fort at Pulicat) on the 11th August 1625.² Passing over unimportant references to the place? we may note that in the civil war that was raging in 1632, Śrīranga. a nephew of the ruling king Venkaṭa II, sent an army of 3,000 men against the fort of Kāṭṭūr (within sight of Geldria) which was then in the hands of Timarāja, the chief of the rebellion.⁴ We seem to have then in Kāṭṭūr ('Katoer' of the Dutch records) a fortified place located on a river and 'on the Coromandel side' which by its name, situation and historical associations seems to answer very well to Nuniz's Catuir. A reference to the survey map sheet No. 66 C/SW (D-2) (scale 1 inch=2 miles) will show that Kāṭṭūr is situated in the midst of swampy and difficult country and besides the river already mentioned, there is also a tank and other waterways, all likely to be flooded easily in the rainy season.

It may be noted that Nuniz counts Paleacate among the countries paying tribute to Vijayanagara under Dēvarāya II, that is, some time about 1440 A.D., and Sewell, after rightly identifying this place as Pulicat, near Madras, adds a note saying: 'This was an important province of Vijayanagar in later years'. It seems probable that 'the lord who had been in revolt for fifty years' and in whose land Catuir lay, was the lord of this province. The words of Nuniz as rendered by Sewell are: Crisnarao "prepared to attack Catuir, which is the land of a lord who had been in revolt for fifty years; this land is on the Charmãodel side. And he went against it, and laid siege to one of the principal cities where the lord of the land was; and it is called..... and is surrounded with water ".6 The last sentence and the blank in it do seem to create a difficulty; but the categorical statement at the beginning that the king prepared to attack Catuir may well be taken to mean that this was the 'principal city' in his land where the rebel lord was at the time of Krishnarāya's war.

Referring to the grant now being edited, Krishna Sastri has observed: 'The choice of the bank of the river Krishnā for making a grant in favour of the temples of Chōla-maṇḍala in the south, cannot be reasonably explained except by supposing that Krishnarāya was about this time, viz., the end of Śaka 1439, again on his march for a second time to the Kalinga country against 'Catuir', which, as noted above, is very probably Cuttack'.' Two considerations may be urged against this view. First, there is the categorical statement of Nuniz cited already, that after Krishnarāya returned from the expedition to Orissa which resulted in his marriage with the Gajapati's daughter, he did not go back to Orissa. Secondly, there is a definite statement in an inscription dated Śaka 1438 that Krishnarāya had already accomplished the conquest of the Kalinga country as far north as Kataka, which sufficiently accounts for the literary evidence cited by Krishna Sastri without the necessity for postulating another Orissa campaign in Śaka 1439.

We do not know the particular reason for which Bezwada was chosen as the scene of this comprehensive grant to the numerous temples of the Tamil country. But we know that in the preceding year (Dhātri). the monarch had attended the mahāmakham festival in Kumbhakōṇam

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> McLeod, i, p. 96.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Ibid., i, p. 473

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., i, pp. 487 and 492; ii, pp. 171, 179.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid., ii, p. 13.

<sup>5</sup> A Forgotten Empire, p. 302.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid., p. 321.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Annual Report. A. S. I., 1908-9, p. 182.

<sup>8</sup> No. 824 o 1922. See also pp. 177-81 of Tirupati Devasthanam Epigraphical Report, by Sadhu Subrah, manya Sastri, who accepts the identity of Catuir with Cuttack.

No. 493 of 1907, the Saka date 1440 must be wrong.

and utilised the occasion for making an extensive tour to the various sbrines in the south. The most detailed account of this tour is furnished by the  $R\bar{a}yav\bar{a}chakamu$ .¹ Evidently, after his return to home country, he wanted to commemorate in some striking manner the pilgrimage he had just concluded. The administrative consultations necessary before the monarch's idea could be implemented must have taken some months as in all probability the local officers in charge of the different parts of the Tamil land had to be consulted. When the final decision had been taken, the monarch must have chosen a suitable place and occasion for making the actual proclamation of his decision. The time chosen was Makara-sańkrānti of the Iśvara year, and the visit to the Kṛishṇā river and the shrines of Anantaśāyin of Uṇḍavilli and Mallikārjuna of Bezwada on such an occasion is easily understood. The date of the record corresponds to 28th December, A.D. 1517.

It is possible that Kṛishṇarāya's presence at Bezwada was connected with one of the numerous campaigns of the reign fought against the Sultān of Golconda, Kuli Kutb Shāh. Late in his life the Sultān boasted of having reduced the infidels of Telingana from the borders of Warangal to Masulipatam and Rājahmundry, having taken between sixty and seventy forts by force of arms. The anonymous historian who has recorded this fact also mentions a war directed by Kṛishṇadēvarāya himself after the capture of Dēvarakoṇḍa by Kuli Kutb Shāh. The date of the particular campaign cannot be determined with precision, and the anonymous historian does not give any date. But once more, it is possible that this campaign is identical with that mentioned by Nuniz as having occurred after Kṛishṇarāya's capture of Catuir, and having been directed against a Muslim captain most probably of the army of Kuli Kutb Shāh of Golconda. If these suggestions are accepted, the presence of Kṛishṇarāya at Bezwada receives a simple and natural explanation as being connected with the regular course of the military campaigns of the reign.

The taxes that were remitted in favour of the Siva and Vishņu temples of the Chōlamaṇḍalam were  $J\bar{o}di$ ,  $S\bar{u}!avari$ , Nilavali (Nilavari),  $Arasup\bar{e}ru$ , and other taxes (piravari). These taxes were due to the king (palace) from the temples themselves (l. 30). All these taxes are not mentioned in all the copies of the inscription. It is difficult to specify the exact nature of all of them, but the following suggestions may be made:  $J\bar{o}di$  is explained by Wilson as a favourable quit rent on  $in\bar{a}m$  lands. It is also the name of a tenure under which a person reclaims a certain portion of waste land, settles on it, and pays half or quarter of the gross value of the produce to the Government. In the Vijayanagar epigraphs it is found used generally in the former sense, and was in many respects similar to the  $m\bar{a}nyak\bar{a}nike$  which the holders of  $in\bar{a}m$  lands like Brāhmans and Fakirs paid to the State. Thus  $J\bar{o}di$  was a small quit rent, paid by the temples, on their  $in\bar{a}m$  lands. The rate is unknown.

Sūlavari is more difficult to explain. One of the meanings given under the word Sūlam in the Tamil Lexicon is: 'Brand-mark on cattle, usually trident-shaped'. No authority is cited in the Lexicon, but the meaning suits the context of our inscription very well and seems to show that

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Sources of Vijayanagar History. (Madras University Historical Series, I), pp. 125-9.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Briggs: Firishta (Cambray & Co., 1910), iii, pp. 352-3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Ibid., pp. 355-6. I owe this reference to Dr. N. Venkataramanayya.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> A Forgotten Empire, p. 322.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> No. 288 of 1903.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> H. H. Wilson: Glossary of Judicial and Revenue terms, p. 214, col. 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Navasinga Rao: A Kisamwar Glossary of Kanarese Words, p. 91, cited by Saletore, Social and Political Life in the Vijayanagar Empire, ii, p. 440.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Cf. Dr. N. Venkataramanayya: Studies in the History of the Third Dynasty of Vijayanagara, pp. 229-30.

the Sūlavari was perhaps a small tax or fee paid on the cattle belonging to the temples, each head of cattle being branded at the time of registration in the nearest public office.

Nilavali seems to be only a variant of the usual Nilavari land tax, levied on lands which were not ināms, but held in ordinary tenure by the temples concerned.

Arasupēru is another difficult term. Wilson¹ notes that Arasu means 'privileges allowed for watching', and 'Arasukkāran'—'a person holding certain privileges for performing police duty'. 'Pēru' is an abstract noun from Tamil perudal, 'to get', and means 'receipts'. Arasupēru then may be taken to stand for the fee collected by the State for the performance of police duties and the maintenance of security. This was perhaps different from the wages of the village watchmen. It must have been a levy by the central government for our inscription contains the specific statement that all the dues remitted by this grant were due to the palace, i.e. to the king—aranmanaikku izuttuvarugira (l. 30); or aranmanai kanakkil padindu varugira (No. 288 of 1903).

The proclamation was not given effect to even so late as in 1521 which is mentioned in an epigraph dated Saka 1443, Vikrama, Mithuna, ba. Tritīyā, Friday, Tiruvōnam. It states that one Kariya Māṇikya Bhaṭṭar Āpatsahāyar waited on Kṛishṇadēvarāya at Vijayanagara and got ratification of the order of the remission of Jōḍi and Śūlavari on certain villages which had been remitted already in favour of the temple at Tirukkadaiyūr, but was not given effect to till then.

The Śēndamangalam copy of the epigraph describes the boundaries of the Chōlamaṇḍalam, the Śiva and Vishnu temples in which were benefited by the remission. Chōlamaṇḍalam comprised the region south of the Gaḍilam, west of the sea, north of the Vellaru (south) and east of the wall at Kōṭṭaikkarai. This copy also says that the beneficiaries of the grant were in the heart of the Chōla country.

According to the epigraph the region was divided into three districts or sīmais. They are the Iraṇḍārrupparru Bhuvanēkavīran(Bhuvanagiri)paṭṭana-chchīrmai, Taṇjāvūrpaṭṭana-chchīrmai and Tiruchchināppalli-chīrmai. In the Vijayanagara days a sīmai was a smaller division than a rājya, and its exact relation to the more ancient kōṭṭam or nāḍu is difficult to find, though it seems probable that the sīmai was a larger division than the nāḍu or kōṭṭam. The Bhuvanagiripaṭṭana-chchīrmai covered the northern part of the Chōṭamaṇḍalam, with its headquarters at Bhuvanagiri, a big village on the northern bank of the Vellāru (north) in the Chidambaram taluk. There is to be found at the place even in the present day a fort in a fairly good condition. It appears to derive its name from Bhuvanaikavīra, a title borne by two Pāṇḍyan kings, Māravarman Kulaśēkhara I and Māravarman Vikrama Pāṇḍya, who were contemporaries in the latter part of the thirteenth century A.D. The region is called in the epigraph as Iraṇḍārrupparru Bhuvanaikavīrapaṭṭana, perhaps on account of the fact that it was bounded by two rivers, the Gadilam and the Vellāru. Taṇjāvūrpaṭṭana-chchīrmai is probably all the territory covered by the present Tanjore and had its headquarters at Taṇjāvūr. To the west of this was the Tiruchchirāpalli-chīrmai with its headquarters at Trichinopoly.

While almost all the copies mention the above three divisions, a few mention some others. They are Rāśāsura-chchīrmai, mentioned before Tanjāvūr-chīrmai, Vīramaḍakku-chchīrmai

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Glossary, p. 31, col. 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> No. 246 of 1925.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> No. 74 of 1903.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> There is a verse in Tamil which gives practically the same traditional boundaries substituting for Gadilam the Northern Vellar which enters the sea near Porto Novo. See The  $C\bar{o}las$ , i, p. 22.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The Pandyan Kingdom, pp. 186, 189-90.

<sup>•</sup> No. 511 of 1905; Nos. 226 and 235 of 1925.

and Perambūr-chīrmai and Kulittaṇḍanai-chīrmai, mentioned after Tiruchchirāpalli-chīrmai.¹ It is difficult to identify all of them. Perambūr-chīrmai is perhaps the territory covered by parts of the Perambalūr taluk, and the Kulittaṇḍanai-chīrmai that covered by the modern Kulittalai taluk both of the Trichinopoly District.

We have a list of a large number of places in favour of which the remission was made; and arranged by taluks they are the following:—

Kāņāţţāmpullūr .						Chidambaram taluk.	S. Arcot District.
Mannārkōvil .	•	•	•	•	•	Ditto.	Ditto.
		•	•	•	•		Ditto.
Nāraiyūr (Tirunāraiyūr)					•	21000	
Tiruchchonnapuram (now Tiruchchinnapuram)						Ditto.	Ditto.
Tirumuţtam (now Śrim	iushņam)	•	•	•	•	Ditto.	
Udaiyārkōyil .		•	•	•	•	Ditto.	Ditto.
Tirumāņikkuļi		•	•	•	٠	Cuddalore taluk.	Ditto.
Tiruppādirippuliyūr		•	•	•	•	Ditto.	Ditto.
Tiruttiņainagar .		•	•	•	•	Ditto.	Ditto.
Tiruvantirapuram						Ditto.	Ditto.
Tyāgavalli						Ditto.	Ditto.
Śēndavaņmaṅgalam						Tiņģivanam taluk,	Ditto.
Iraivānāśūr .						Tirukköyilür taluk.	Ditto.
Tirunāmanallūr (Tirun	āvallūr)					Ditto.	Ditto.
Tirunarunkondai (now Tirunirankongai) .						Ditto. D.tto.	
Tittaikudi		• "				Vriddhächalam taluk.	Ditto.
Pennagadam .		·		Ċ	·	Ditto.	Ditto.
Kuruchehi		· ·				Kumbakonam taluk.	Tanjore District.
Pandananallür .		·		·	÷.	Ditto.	Ditto.
Śirukudi		•	•	•	:	Ditto.	Ditto.
Süryadēvanāvanārköyi		•	•			Ditto.	Ditto.
Tirukködikä (now Tiru		1\	•	•	•	Ditto.	Ditto.
			•	•	•	Ditto.	Ditto.
Tirundutevankudi (Tiru		iái)	•	•	•	Ditto.	Ditto.
Tirumangalakkudi		•	•	•	•		Ditto.
Tiruppanandāļ .	• •	•	•	•	•	Ditto.	
	•	•	•	•	•	Ditto.	Ditto.
Tiruveṇṇagar (now Up	piliyap <b>p</b> a	nkōy	il) .	•	•	Ditto.	Ditto.
Tiruviśalūr .		•	•	•	•	Ditto.	Ditto.
Vaigal		•	•	•	•	Ditto.	Ditto.
Agalangan			•	•	•	Mâyavaram taluk.	Ditto.
Akkūr			•			Ditto.	Ditto.
Iļangārakkudi .			•	•	•	Ditto.	Ditto.
Iluppappattu .						Ditto.	Ditto.
Irāśurāmapāļayam (no	w Irājasū	ryanı	oëttai )		•	Ditto.	Ditto.
Korukkai						Ditto.	Ditto.
Kurrālam						Ditto.	Ditto.
Paluvūr						Ditto.	Ditto.
Pariyalūr (Tiruppariya	lūr) .					Ditto.	Ditto.
Perumulai						Ditto.	Ditto.
Talaichchangādu						Ditto.	Ditto.
Talaināyaņ .			•	•		Ditto.	Ditto.
Tillaiyāḍi		•	•	•		Ditto.	Ditto.
Tirukkadaiyür .	•	•				Ditto.	Ditto.
11:		•	:	•	:	Ditto.	Ditto.
Tiruvalundür .	• •	•		•	•	Ditto.	Ditto.
Tiruvalundur . Tiruvaliputtur (Tiruva	· · ·	•	•	•	:	Ditto.	Ditto.
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	1	No	255 of	1997	. No	i. 125 of 1904.	

<sup>1</sup> No. 355 of 1907; No. 125 of 1904.

Tirukkondiśvaran	<u>a</u>							Nannilam taluk.	Tanjore District.
Tirumarugal	_		•					Ditto.	Ditto.
Tirumēchchūr								Ditto.	Ditto.
Tiruppattūr								Ditto.	Ditto.
Tiruppugalūr								Ditto.	Ditto.
Tiruvāñchiyam (r	10W	Śrīv	āñchi	vain)				Ditto.	Ditto.
Virkudi .				,				Ditto.	Ditto.
Tēvūr								Negapatam taluk.	Ditto.
Nallūr .								Pāpanāśam taluk.	Ditto.
Āchchāpuram								Shīyāļi taluk.	Ditto.
Śīrāmavinnagar								Ditto.	Ditto.
Tādanankōvil								Ditto.	Ditto.
Tirukkuraiyaļūr								Ditto.	Ditto.
Tirthanagari								Ditto.	Dítto.
Tirunagari								Ditto.	Ditto.
Tirunāngūr								Ditto.	Ditto.
Tiruppungūr								Ditto.	Ditto.
Chandralēkai (Śe	nda	lai)						Tanjore taluk.	Ditto.
Tañchāvūr .			•					Ditta.	Ditto.
Tirumalipādi								Ditto.	Ditto.
Tiruppunturutti								Ditto.	Ditto.
Tiruvaiyāru								Ditto.	Ditto.
Tirukkāttupaļļi								Ditto.	Ditto,
Vallam .								Ditto.	Ditto.
Kannanür .								Musiri taluk.	Trichinopoly District.
Äņdārkōyil								Trichinopoly taluk.	Ditto.
Tiruppaļātturai								Dieto.	Ditto.
Tıruchchirapalli								Ditto.	Ditto.
Gangaikondacho	lap	uram	(Gang	aikono	įam)			Udaiyārpāļayam taluk.	Ditto.
Paluvūr .	•			•	•			Ditto.	Ditto.
Tillaiyāļiviţţam	•	•	•	•	٠	•	•	(not identifiable.)	

#### TEXT.

- 1 Subham=astu | śrī-Gaṇāti²patayē namaḥ | Namas=tunga-[śi]-
- 2 raś-chumpi3ta4-chantiga5-chāmara-[chāravē\*] trailōkya-nakar6-ā[ra\*]mpa7-mula-8
- 3 stampāya Sampuvē Subham=astu | Svasti Šrī Vijayāt-
- 4 bhuta11-Śāli[vāha\*]na-śa [ka\*]-varusham 143912 mēl-chchel-
- 5 lāni[nra I]śvara samva[tsa\*]rattu Pushya¹³ śpaya¹⁴ Paurnamaināl(nāl)¹⁵ śrī[ma]-
- 6 n-mahārājādhirāja rājaparamēśvara hariya(ari)rāya-vibhāţan16 bhā-
  - <sup>1</sup> Nos. 167, 226 and 235 of 1925 omit this.
  - 2 Read Gaṇādhio.

- 3 Read -chumbi.
- Here ta is superfluous; it is, however, found in Nos. 167 and 226 of 1925 also.
- <sup>5</sup> Read chandra. In Nos. 167 and 226 of 1925 it is chantra.
- Read -nagar-.

- 7 Read °mbha.
- 8 Read -mūla-.

• Read stambhāya.

- 10 Read Sambhavē. In No. 226 of 1925 it is °bhuvē.
- 11 The same reading is found in Nos. 167 and 226 of 1925; in No. 235 of 1925 it is °bhutaya. The usual form is Vijayābhyudaya.
  - 12 Saka 1409 in No. 235 of 1917, a mistake for Saka 1439.
  - 13 No. 74 of 1903 and No. 80 of 1911 give Magha.
- 14 Probably stands for śuddha; clearly given in Nos. 226 and 235 of 1925. In No. 214 of 1926 the reading is Pushyamāsattu pūrvapakshattu.
- 15 Paurņami nāļ in No. 226 of 1925, and ņāļ in No. 235 of 1925. Paurņamiyinmēl in No. 235 of 1917, and 'yilē in No. 214 of 1926.
  - 16 In No. 167 of 1925 it is ariyarāya-vibhāţa, while in Nos. 226 and 235 of 1925 it is vibhāṭan.

- 7 shaikku-ttappuva-rāyar¹-gaṇḍa² Yavaṇarāśa³-sthāpanāchāriya⁴ Pratā-
- 8 parudra-Geja pati-saptāmga-haraņa śrī-Vīrapradāpa śrī-Vīra-Krishnadēvarāya-ma-
- 9 hārāyar Solamandalattu Vishņusthānam Sivasthānam mudalāna
- 10 dēvasthānangaļukku śōḍi araśupērus śaravams[ā]nyam-āga viṭṭa taṇ-
- 11 ma<sup>10</sup>-sātaņa irāyasam śrī(nā)<sup>11</sup>mum Vijayaṇnagara<sup>12</sup>-ppaṭṭaṇattil<sup>13</sup> irundu pūruva-<sup>14</sup>
- 12 dikku viśai[ya\*]-yātrai āga purappattu Udaiyagiri-tturkamum śādichchu<sup>15</sup> Tirumalai
- 13 Irāguttama16-rāyanaiyum pidittu kondu Viņikkondai17 Nāgār-
- 14 rchinakondai 18 Vellamukonda 19 Kondavidu Kon[da\*]ppalli 20 Irāśa-
- 15 mavēntirapuram<sup>21</sup> mudalāgiya du[rga]ngaļun-gaṭṭikkoṇḍu <sup>22</sup> Pratāparutti[ra\*] Geśapati<sup>23</sup>
- 16 kumāran Vīrabhadrasēņaņ <sup>24</sup> Geśapati<sup>25</sup> Pratāņapūpati<sup>26</sup> Prakalātaņ<sup>27</sup> Śirachchantiran<sup>28</sup> Malluk-Kān <sup>29</sup>
  - <sup>1</sup> Reading is tappurāya in No. 235 of 1925.
  - <sup>2</sup> The reading is rāyaraganda in Nos. 167, 226 and 235 of 1925.
  - 3 The reading is rajya in Nos. 74 of 1903, 125 of 1904 and 80 of 1911.
- In a few other copies Krishnarāya takes two more titles. In Nos. 235 of 1917 and 214 of 1926 is found the title mūvarāyaragandan; in No. 511 of 1905 are found the titles muvvarāyaraganda and aṭṭadikkurāya-manō-bhayankara, while in Nos. 74 and 288 of 1903, 80 of 1911, 210 of 1917, 167, 226 and 235 of 1925 are found the titles ashṭadikkurāya-manō-bhayankara and mūvarāyaraganda.
  - 5 Read Gaia°.
  - Same in Nos. 167, 226 and 235 of 1925; read °pratapa.
  - Vishnu temples alone are mentioned in No. 381 of 1908.
- In No. 288 of 1903 the taxes are said to be jōdigaļ šūlavari nilavaļi arašupēru marrum pala pira-varigalum. No. 511 of 1905 reads: sōdi śūlavari arašupēru piravari uņdāna yellām. In No. 355 of 1907 only jōdi and šūlavari are legible. No. 235 of 1917 mentions śōdiyaļ, nilavaļi and arašupēru while No. 214 of 1926 has śōdi, śūlavari and arašupēru.
  - 9 Read sarvao.
- 10 No. 74 of 1903 reads: vittupālittu aruļina dharmma-šāsana rāyasam; 125 of 1904 sarvvamānyam-āga-ppā litta dharma, 511 of 1905 as āga tiru uļamparriņa tanma, 80 of 1911 vidachchittēši pālitta dharmma. In Nos. 226 and 235 of 1925 we have the word dharmma-sādhana-rāyasam in Grantha.
  - 11 No. 226 of 1925 reads namum.
  - 12 The letter n is superfluous.
  - 13 Pattanatti[le] in No. 226 of 1925 and pattanatt-irundu in No. 235 of 1925.
  - 14 Read pūrva-.
  - 15 The reading is yātraiyāga śittēśi Udayagiri-durggamum sādhittu in No. 74 of 1903.
  - 16 No ma in 167 of 1925.
  - 17 The reading is Vinikonda in Nos. 167 and 235 of 1925.
  - 18 Read Nāgārjunakondai; °konda in Nos. 167, 226 and 235 of 1925.
  - 10 Vellamkonda in No. 167 of 1925 where Vella is repeated but the subsequent words are missing.
  - 20 Tondappalli in No. 235 of 1917.
  - 21 Read: °mahēndrapuram.
- <sup>22</sup> Šādhitta vāngikkondu in No. 74 of 1903; vāngikondu in Nos. 511 of 1905 and 80 of 1911 and [sādhi] ttu=kkatti-kkondu in No. 167 of 1925.
  - 23 Read Gajapati.
- 24 Perhaps stands for śēṇaṇaiyum as in No. 511 of 1905: jaṇaṇ in No. 226 of 1925 and jaṇaṇa in No. 235 of 1925.
  - 25 Read Gajapati.
  - 26 Read pradhānabhūpati.
  - <sup>27</sup> Prahalātan in Nos. 167, 226 and 235 of 1925.
  - 28 Read Śiraśchandran as in No. 235 of 1925.
- 29 Kānan in Nos. 167, 226 and 235 of 1925, while in No. 235 of 1917 it ends with Karnan, and in No. 511 of 1905 with Khānu.

- 17 Uttandakāṇaṇ¹ mudalāna pāttira²-śāmantargaļaiyum śivikkiramamāga³=ppidittukkoṇ-
- 18 du Pratāparuttira Geśa(Gaja)patiyaiyum murayakkutti Śiṅgāttirikku elundaruli Poṭṭaṇūril
- 19 jayastampa(bha)mum niri(ru)tti <sup>6</sup> Šõlamaṇḍalam <sup>7</sup> dēvastānam <sup>8</sup> Tiruchchirāpalli <sup>9</sup> Santalagai<sup>10</sup> Tirukkā-
- 20 ttuppalli Tirunagira 11 Tirunangur Ti\*|ruve|undur12 Tevur Tiruvennagar 13 Agalangan
- 21 Tiruvantigapuram14 Tirumāņikuļi15 Tirupattūr16 Vaiygal Tirumuţţam Tiruppādiripuli-
- 22 yūr Tiruttinainagar Iraivānāśūr<sup>17</sup> Śēndavanmaṅgalam Tirunāvallūr Tiṭṭaikuḍi<sup>18</sup> Tirunā-
- 23 raiyūr<sup>19</sup> Kāṇāṭṭampullūr<sup>20</sup> Tiyāgavalli<sup>21</sup> Śīrāmaviṇṇagar Tiruvelliyaṅguḍi Pan-
- 24 daņanallūr<sup>22</sup> Talaichchangādu<sup>23</sup> Kuruchchi<sup>24</sup> Tiruppungūr Korukkai<sup>24</sup> Talaināya[ka]n<sup>25</sup>
- 25 Tirumangalakkudi Tiruvisalūr Tirutevankudi26 Sūrivadevanavanārkovil27 Ti-
  - 1 Read Uddanda.º
  - <sup>2</sup> Read pātra-.
  - 3 Read jūragrāhamāga, jīvagrahaņamāga in Nos. 226 and 235 of 1925.
  - <sup>4</sup> In No. 511 of 1905 it is muriyavetti.
  - 5 i. e. Simhādrīkku as in No. 226 of 1925.
  - <sup>6</sup> The reading is põduvittu in Nos. 74 of 1903 and 80 of 1911, and sthapittu in No. 125 of 1904.
  - Solamandala-naduvil in No. 74 of 1903.
  - 8 In No. 125 of 1904 the word Tiruttinainagar follows the word devasthanam.
- No. 511 of 1905 has the following:—Tiruchchillāp[palli]-chchīmai vadagarai Irājarāja-vaļanāttu Maļanāttu Pāchchilkūrrattu kīļ Pālārru-kKannaņūr nāyaņār Pōsalīsvaramudaiya-nāyaņār köyil södi sūdavari piravari arasu-pēru utpadavum Tirumaļapādi Vallam Tañjāvūr Tiruppūndurutti Tiruvaiyūru Tiruvaļundūr Irāsurāmapāļayam Tiruvānjiyam Tiruppugalūr Paļuvūr Pandananallūr Tiruppaņaindāļ Tirunagari Tirunāngūr Tādaļanköyil Sīgāļi mudalāna Irandārruparru-sīrmai, etc. No. 288 of 1903 has Tiruchchirāppaļļi usāvadi teņkarai Irājagambhīra-vaļanādu Tirupparātturai mudalāgiya Sōļamandalattu irandu...pparru-sīrmaiy-āna Kirippaṭṭanattu sīrmai Radasuvattu sīrmai Tañjāvūr sīrmai pattu mudalāna Vishnusthānam Sivasthānam, etc.
  - 10 Read Chandralekai.
  - <sup>11</sup> No. 167 of 1925 reads Tirunagari clearly.
  - 12 Followed by Tiruppariyalūr in No. 125 of 1904.
  - 13 No. 355 of 1907 reads Rāśēntiravinnagar.
  - 14 Tiruvayintırapuram in Nos. 125 of 1904 and 226 of 1925.
- 15 Tirumānikudi in Nos. 235 of 1917 and 226 and 235 of 1925. In No. 125 of 1904 this precedes Tiruran-tirapuram.
  - 16 Tiruppugalūr in Nos. 210 and 235 of 1917, 226 and 235 of 1925.
  - 17 Before this two other places are found in No. 125 of 1904, viz., Korukkai, Tiyagavalli.
- 18 Before Tittakudi we have: Tiruna[ru]ngondai and Tirukkōdigā in No. 125 of 1904; in No. 226 of 1925 it is Tittaikudi. After Tittaikudi we have Pennāgadam in No. 125 of 1904.
  - 19 Tirunārayūr in No. 226 of 1925.
- 2) Udaiyārkõyil, Mannārkõyil and Tiruchonnapuram before Kānāṭṭumullūr in No. 125 of 1904; Kanāṭṭam-pullūr in Nos. 210 of 1907 and 226 of 1925. Kānāṭṭupuḷḷūr in No. 235 of 1925.
  - <sup>21</sup> Mentioned earlier in No. 125 of 1904.
  - 22 Kānāṭtumuḷḷūr is followed by Pandaṇanallūr, Achchāpuram and Kuruchchi in No. 125 of 1904.
  - 23 Mentioned after Tiruvelliyangudi in No. 125 of 1904.
  - <sup>24</sup> Kurichchi in Nos. 167 of 1925, 226 and 235 of 1925.
- <sup>25</sup> Tulaināyakam in No. 125 of 1904, Talaināyakan in No. 235 of 1917, Talaināyar in No. 226 of 1925 and Talaināyan in 235 of 1925.
  - 26 Tirundudēraņkudi in Nos. 355 of 1907, 226 and 235 of 1925.
- 27 Sūriyanāyanār-köyil in No. 355 of 1907; Sūriyadēvanayinār in No. 235 of 1917 and Sūriyanayinār in No. 235 of 1925.

- 26 rukködikā Kurrālam Śirukudi¹ Tirukkuraiyaļūr Virkudi Āchchāpuram² Tiruvāļiput-
- 27 tūr 3 Nallūr Āṇḍārkōyil Gengaikoṇḍam4 Tirumēchchūr 5 Tirunaṇipalli6
- 28 mudalāgiya Chōlamaņdalattu yiraņdārrupparru Buvanēkavīraņpattaņa-šīrmai?
- 29 Tañjāvūrpaţţaṇa-chchin(r)maia Tiruchchirāpalli-chin(r)maiy- ut[pa\*]ţţa\* Śivatānam10 Vish-
- 30 ttinatāṇam<sup>11</sup> mudalāgiya dēvattāṇaṅgaļil<sup>12</sup> pūruva-mudalāgiya<sup>13</sup> varaimaṇaikku<sup>14</sup> irut-
- 31 tu-varugira<sup>15</sup> śōḍi<sup>16</sup> araśupēru<sup>17</sup> patināyira varāgan inda varāgan patināyiramum an-
- 32 danda dēvatānamkaļukkum18 makara-šankigānti puņņiya-kālattilē Kiviṭṭiṇavēṇi19
- 33 tīrattīlē Uņḍavilli 20 Aņantašāyi śaṇṇatiyum<sup>21</sup> Geśavāḍai<sup>22</sup> Mallukāchchinadēvar<sup>23</sup> śan-
- 35 pālittēm yinda yirāyida<sup>27</sup> piramāņattilē ellā-ttēvattāņangaļilum<sup>28</sup>
- 36 śilā-śādanamum<sup>29</sup> paṇṇi ellā-ttēvattāṇaṅgaļukkum<sup>30</sup> pūśai<sup>31</sup> punaṛkāram<sup>32</sup> aṅga-raṅga-<sup>33</sup>
  - 1 Sarukudi in No. 210 of 1917.
  - <sup>2</sup> This is followed by another Vigludi in Nos. 210 of 1917, 226 and 235 of 1925.
  - 3 Tiruvāļputtūr in No. 210 of 1917; Tiruvāļiputtūr in No. 226 of 1925.
  - 4 Gangaikondaśōlapuram in No. 125 of 1904.
  - 5 Tirumīyāchchūr in No. 125 of 1904. The list stops with this in it and No. 355 of 1907.
- This place is not mentioned in the other copies. But No. 210 of 1917 adds Perumulai; No. 167 of 1925 Pariyalūr, No. 226 of 1925 Ākkūr; and 235 of 1925 Tillaiyāļiviṭṭam and Iļangārikudi. 74 of 1903 has: śōṭamandala naḍuvil mandalam Śēndavanmangalam uḍaiyār Avattukkāttaruṭiyanayiṇār tırunāmattukkāni Kīṭaimāganūr Mēlaimāganūr Naṇṭnarā]ma-mīśuraganḍanallūr Kamban marrum uṭpatta deyva-sthānangaṭ Iraivānaraiśūr uṭpatta Śivasthānam Vishnusthānangaṭilē pūrvam mudalāga araimaṇaikku iruttuvarugira jōḍi poṇ padināyiramum.
  - <sup>7</sup> Bhonagipațțanachchirmai in No. 226 of 1925; Pongiripațțanachchirmai in No. 235 of 1925.
- 8 Rā[ia\*]rā[iā\*]iura-iīrmai mentioned before Tanjāvūr in No. 226 of 1925; mudalāgiya after it in Nos. 22 and 235 of 1925.
  - b Chirmai utpada in No. 235 of 1925.

10 Read osthānam.

- 11 Read: Vishņusthānam; Vishtunuttānam in No. 235 of 1925.
- 12 Read: dēvasthānangaļil.
- 18 Read: pūrvam mudalāgiya. Puruva mudalāga in Nos. 226 and 235 of 1925.
- 14 Read: araimanaikku as in No. 235 of 1925.
- u araimanai [kana]kkil padindu varugira in No. 288 of 1903.
- 16 Nos. 167, 226 and 235 of 1925 mention only this tax.
- 17 Pasuperumai is found in No. 355 of 1907.
- 18 Read: dēvasthānangaļukku; m is superfluous; dēvasthānangaļil kaļittu in No. 80 of 1911.
- 1º Read : Krishnavēnī ; Kiruttanavēni in No. 235 of 1925.
- 20 Undai in No. 235 of 1925.
- 22 Gajavādi in No. 226 of 1925; Dešavādai in No. 235 of 1925.
- 23 Read: Mallikārjunadēvar; Mallukārjunadēvar in No. 226 of 1925, and Mallukāchchinamdēvar in No. 235 of 1925.
  - 24 Reading is sannadhiyilum in No. 226 of 1925.
  - 25 Reading is dhārāpūrvakamāga in No. 226 of 1925.
  - 26 Read: dharmasādhana rāyasamum as in No. 226 of 1925.
  - 27 Read: rayasa.

28 Read: dēvasthānangaļūlum.

21 Should be 'tiyilum.

- 29 Read: sädhanamum.
- 30 Read: devasthanangaļukkum; devasta° in No. 226 of 1925; devasthanangaļilum in No. 167 of 1925.
- 31 Read : pūjai.
- 22 Reading is punaskārangaļu[m] in No. 167 of 1925.
- This precedes pūjai in No. 167 of 1925.

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- 37 vaiy(vai)bōgam tiruppaṇigaļum ā-chandirāttiyātāyuvāga¹ śānaṅ[ga]māga² naḍattik-koṇḍu³ su-
- 38 ga<sup>4</sup>ttilē yirukkavum [||\*] yinta tanmattukku<sup>5</sup> yiyā<sup>6</sup>doruttar ayitam<sup>7</sup> paṇṇiṇavargaļ <sup>5</sup> taṅgaļ
- 39 tangaļ<sup>o</sup> m[ā\*]tā-pitāvaiyum. kō-pparāmaņaraiyum<sup>10</sup> Vāruņāsiyilē<sup>11</sup> koņņa pāvattilē<sup>12</sup> pō-
- 40 ga-kkadavargaļāgavum 6. Svadattāt(d)=dviguņam puņyam paradatt-ānupālanam i para-
- 41 datt-āpahārēņa svadatta[m\*] [ni]shphalam bhavēt13 ||

## TRANSLATION.

Let there be prosperity. Obeisance to the blessed Ganadhipati. Salutation to Siva who is beautiful with the moon kissing his lofty head like the chāmara and who is the main pillar (the cause) of the creation of the city of the three worlds. Be it well! Hail! Prosperity! This is the royal order issued on the day of the full moon in the bright half of the month of Pushya of the year Isvara which was current after the expiry of the prosperous and victorious year Śālivāhana-Śaka 1439, by the glorious Mahārājādhirāja, Rājaparamēśvara, the conqueror of hostile kings, the destroyer of those kings who break their word, the establisher of the kingdom of the Yavanas, the confiscator of the kingdom14 of the Gajapati king Pratāpa-Rudra, the glorious Vīra-Krishņadēvarāya-Mahārāya, conveying the charitable edict to remit jodi and arasupēru as sarvamānya to the Siva, Vishņu and other temples in the Chola country. We (the king) started from Vijayanagara to the eastern region on a tour of conquest, took the fort of Udayagiri, captured Tirumalai Rahuttaraya, took Vinikondai, Nagarjunakondai, Vellamukonda, Kondavīdu, Kondapalli, Rājamahēndrapuram, and other forts, captured Vîrabhadrasēna Gajapati. son of Prataparudra Gajapati, Pradhanabhupati, Prahlatan, Sirachchandran, Mallu Khan. Uddanda Khān, and other feudatories as prisoners, and defeated and killed Pratāpa-Rudra Gajapati. We then went to Simhādri and set up a pillar of victory at Pottanuru. On the auspicious day of the Makara-sankranti on the banks of the river Krishnaveni and in the presence of Anantaśayin of Undavilli and Mallikarjunadevar of Gajavadai, We issued with libation of water a roval order evidencing a sarvamānya grant to the respective Siva and Vishņu temples of 10,000 varāhans being the contributions of jōdi and śūlavari payable by them. The temples were those viz., of Tiruchchirāppaļļi, Santalagai, Tirukkāttuppaļļi, Tirunagari, Tirunāngūr, Tiruvalundūr Tēvūr, Tiruvennagar, Agaļangan, Tiruvantirapuram, Tirumānikuli, Tirupattūr, Vaigal, Tirumuttam, Tiruppādiripuliyūr, Tiruttinainagar, Iraivānāsur, Sēndavanmangalam, Tirunāvallūr, Tittaikudi, Tirunāgaiyūr, Kāṇāṭṭampuļļūr, Tiyāgavalli, Śīrāmaviṇṇagar, Tiruveļļiyangudi, Panda-

<sup>1</sup> Read: ā-chandr-āditya-sthāyuvāga; in No. 226 of 1925 it is ā-chandr-ārka-sthāyuvāga.

<sup>3</sup> Should be sāngamāga as in No. 226 of 1925.

The reading is nadattukkondu in 235 of 1925.

No. 226 of 1926 has sukhattile.

<sup>•</sup> The reading is dharmattuku in No. 226 of 1925.

<sup>•</sup> The syllable yi is superfluous.

<sup>7</sup> Should be ahitam as in No. 235 of 1925.

The reading is pansina pērgaļ in No. 235 of 1925.

<sup>•</sup> Followed by another tangal in Nos. 226 and 235 of 1925.

<sup>10</sup> Read: gō-brāhmaṇaraiyum.

<sup>11</sup> Vāraņavāsi in No. 226 of 1925.

<sup>12</sup> The reading is doshattile in No. 226 of 1925.

<sup>13</sup> Followed by the words subham=astu and srī-Virūpāksha in No. 226 of 1925, and srī-Virūpāksha only in Nos. 125 of 1904 and 235 of 1925.

<sup>14</sup> Saptāngam rājyam=uchyatē—Kāmandaka.

nanallūr, Talaichchangādu, Kuruchchi, Tiruppungūr, Korukkai, Talaināyakan¹, Tirumangalakkudi, Tiruviśalūr, Tirutēvankudi, Sūryadēvanāyanārkōyil, Tirukkōdikā, Kurrālam, Śirukudi, Tirukkuraiyaļūr, Virkudi, Āchchāpuram, Tiruvāļiputtūr, Nallūr, Āndārkōyil, Gangaikondam, Tirumēchchūr, Tirunanipalļi and other places in the Chōlamandala which consisted of the Irandārrupparru Bhuvanaikavīrapatṭana-chīrmai, Tanjāvūrpaṭtana-chchīrmai and Tiruchchirāppalļichīrmai. According to this royal order which is to be engraved in stone in all the temples, the worship, festivities, celebrations and repairs shall be executed properly and without shortcomings in all the temples as long as the sun and moon endure. He who acts against this charity shall incur the sin of having killed his mother, father, cows and Brahmins at Vārānasī.

The protection of another's gift is twice as meritorious as making one's own. By the robbing of another's gift, one's own gift becomes devoid of merit.

## No. 33—JUBBULPORE STONE INSCRIPTION OF VIMALASIVA : THE [KALACHURI] YEAR 926.

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The stone bearing this inscription was found at Jubbulpore, the headquarters of a district of the same name in the Central Provinces and is now preserved in the Nagpur Museum. The record has been referred to several times, e.g., by Dr. F. E. Hall in the Journal of the American Oriental Society, Vol. VI, p. 533, by Dr. F. Kielhorn in the Indian Antiquary, Vol. XVIII, p. 210, n. 2, and again in this journal Vol. V, Appendix I, p. 60, n. 4, and by Rai Bahadur Hiralal in his Inscriptions in the Central Provinces and Berar, (second ed.), p. 42, but owing presumably to its very bad preservation none has so far attempted a transcript or even an abstract of its contents.<sup>2</sup> A careful and patient examination of the original has enabled me to prepare the subjoined transcript and while I have not been able to decipher or restore the complete text, I hope I have been able to make out almost all that can be deciphered in the present condition of the original.

The writing covers a space 2' 7" broad and 1'  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " high. The average size of letters is 5". The surface of the stone, which was originally made none too smooth, has been further damaged by exposure to weather, and several letters in the middle as well as on the right hand side of the first fourteen lines and some more in the middle of lines 19-24 have become illegible. The **characters** are Nāgarī. The letters were beautifully written and carefully executed. It will suffice to draw attention to the proper sign of b as an independent letter in bibhrat, l. 25 and in its superscript form in  ${}^{\circ}r$ - $bvabh\bar{u}va$ , l. 9, and also to the form of the initial i in iti, l. 12, of the initial ri in  $rich\bar{a}m$ , l. 15, and of  $\acute{s}$ , the left member of which resembles the English figure 8, as in  $Siv\bar{u}ya$ , l. 1. The language is Sanskrit and except for the obeisance to  $\acute{S}iva$  in the beginning of the first line and the date in the last, the inscription is in verse throughout. The verses are not numbered, but they appear to be fifty in all. The **orthography** does not present anything calling for special notice except that v and b as well as  $\acute{s}$  and s are confounded in some places.

The object of the inscription is to record the construction of a temple of the moon-crested god (Siva) by Vimalaśiva, the religious preceptor of the king Jayasimha of the Kalachuri dynasty of Tripurī. The god was named Kīrtīśvara after Vimalaśiva's guru Kīrtiśiva. The

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For various forms of this name see n. 25, p. 306 above.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Hiralal remarks in his *Inscriptions in C. P. and Berar* (Second ed.), p. 42, that 'this is a pretty big record but is too much defaced to yield any useful information.'

inscription also records that the king Jayasimha endowed the temple with three villages on the occasion of a solar eclipse. It is dated in words as well as in numerical figures in the year 926, without any specification of the month, fortnight, tithi or week-day. This date must, of course, be referred to the Kalachuri era. It corresponds, for the expired Kalachuri year 926, to A.D. 1174-75. In this year there was only one solar eclipse, viz., that which occurred on the amāvāsyā of the pūrņimānta Pausha, on Tuesday, the 26th November A.D. 1174. This is, therefore, probably the date of Jayasimha's grant if it was made in the same Kalachuri year in which the record was put up. It does not admit of verification, but it falls in the reign of Jayasimha, who, we know, was ruling at least from K. 918<sup>2</sup> to K. 928<sup>3</sup>.

After three mangala-ślōkas in praise of Siva, we are told that the god revealed the Saiva doctrine for the realization of the self by the worlds. Some Saiva teachers were named in lines 4-7, but the names of Vimalaśiva<sup>4</sup> and Vāstuśiva<sup>5</sup> only are now completely legible. In line 8 we read the name of Purushaśiva who is described as the cause of Yaśahkarna's prosperity. Next is mentioned Saktisiva in connection with Gayakarna. His disciple was Kirtišiva who is said to have contributed to the prosperity of the king Narasimha. Five verses (22-26) are devoted to his glorification. The next eighteen verses refer to Vimalasiva. He belonged to the gotra of Viśvāmitra and was the son of Madhusūdana and Umā. Having paid off his debt to gods and others by performing religious rites at Prabhasa, Gokarna, Gaya, and other tirthas, he was initiated in the Saiva doctrine by Kirtisiva. He was very handsome. learned and liberal and exercised great vigilance in looking after all affairs of the king. The earth, being adorned with gardens, tanks, charitable houses, temples and dwellings for Brahmanas constructed by him, is said to have vied with heaven in splendour. The king Jayasimha devoutly bowed to him. We are next told that Vimalasiva built a temple of Siva under the name Kīrtīśvara for the glory and religious merit of his spiritual preceptor Kīrtiśiva. The king Jayasimha endowed it with three villages on the occasion of a solar eclipse. One of these villages which was named Tekabhara, was situated in the vishaya (district) of Navapattala and the other two named Kandaravāda and Vadoha in Samudrapāta which was apparently another district.

The importance of the present inscription lies in the information it furnishes about the spiritual preceptors of the Kalachuri kings of Tripuri from Yasahkarna downwards. It may, how-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> I take raveh parvani in line 26 to mean 'on the occasion of a solar eclipse'. Parvan also means a sankrāni, but in that case the particular sankrānti would have been specified.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Above, Vol. XXI, p. 95.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., Vol. II, p. 18.

<sup>4</sup> This Vimalasiva is probably different from the Saiva ascetic who put up the present inscription.

<sup>5</sup> I examined the name of this ascetic carefully to see if he could be identified with Vāmasambhu mentioned in the Malkāpuram inscription (J. A. H. R. S., Vol. IV, pp.147 ff) in view of the suggestion recently made that the latter was the spiritual teacher of Karņa and represents Vāmadēva on whose feet several Kalachuri kings from Karņa downwards are described as meditating. (See Ind. Hist. Quart., Vol. XIV, pp. 96 ff.). A Saiva Āchārya named Vāmarāši is also mentioned as living in Benares in the Sārnāth inscription of Mahīpāla, dated V. 1083. Ind. Ant., Vol. XIV, p. 140. The Saiva ascetic mentioned in the beginning of line 6 in the present record may have been a contemporary of Karņa; for the next legible name is that of Purushasiva who was the guru of Karņa's son Yasahkarna. But the second akshara of the aforementioned name does not at all appear like ma. Besides the guru of this Saiva pontiff was apparently Vimalasiva, mentioned in verse 8, while the guru and the paramaguru of Vāmasmbhu were Sōmasambhu and Sadbhāvasambhu respectively. I have shown elsewhere that Vāmadēva was a Kalachuri king and not a Saiva ascetic. See A Volume of Eastern and Indian Studies, pp. 152 ff.

<sup>•</sup> Saktisiva and Kirtisiva may be identical with Saktisambhu and his disciple Kirtisambhu respectively mentioned in the Malkapuram inscription.

ever, be noted in this connection that the Royal Asiatic Society of Bengal plates of Gövinda-chandra<sup>1</sup> mention the Śaiva Āchārya Rudraśiva, not Purushaśiva, as the  $R\bar{a}jaguru$  of Yaśaḥ-karṇa. Perhaps Yaśaḥkarṇa had two  $R\bar{a}jagurus$  in succession. The name of Vimalaśiva, the guru of Jayasimha, occurs in his Jubbulpore Kötwāli plates also.<sup>2</sup>

The present praśasti was composed by the poet Śaśidbara, who was a Brābmaṇa of the Maunya³ gōtra. He composed also the Bhērā-Ghāṭ inscription of Alhaṇadēvī, while his elder brother Pṛithvīdhara was the author of the Tēwar inscription of Gayakarṇa. The present record was incised on the stone by Nāmadēva, the son of Mahīdhara. His father was the engraver of the aforementioned stone inscriptions of Gayakarna and Alhanadēvī.

As for the localities mentioned in the present record, Tēkabhara may be identical with Tikhārī, 5 miles south by west of Jubbulpore. The vishaya (district) of Navapattalā<sup>4</sup> in which it was situated may have comprised the territory round the modern Nayākhērā which lies about 8 miles west of Tikhārī. Samudrapāṭa is probably Samand Pipāriā, 4 miles south of Jubbulpore. There are several villages named Kunda or Kundan near Jubbulpore, one of which may represent the ancient Kaṇḍaravāḍa. No place exactly corresponding to Vaḍōha can, however, be traced in the Jubbulpore District.

#### TEXT.5

[Metres: Vv. 1, 18, 28, 35, 36, 38, 41, and 44 Śārdūlavikrīdita; vv. 2 (?) and 6 Upēndravajrā; vv. 3, 4, 7, 9, 11-15, 20-22, 24, 27, 29-32, 37, 42, 43, 45, 48, and 49 Anushtubh; v. 5 Vamšastha; vv. 8, and 47 Upagīti; vv. 10 and 46 Indravajrā; vv. 16 and 26 Aupachchhandasika; vv. 17, 25 and 33 Upajāti; v. 19 Viyōginī; v. 23 Vasantatīlakā; v. 34 Praharshinī; v. 39 Mālīnī; v. 40 Sragdharā; v. 50 Āryā.]

- 1 सिडि: [1\*] श्री नमः श्रिवाय ॥ उन्मीलत्कमलावलम्बि(म्बि)तर्रातर्व्वन्यद्विजेन्द्रस्थितिर्द्धि ।—। दीषा [म]हितप्रकाश्रवसितः [कारण्डपूर्णोद्गितः] । सम्यम्बर्जित[संश्रिता]हित-कृतिः श्रीशर्व्व शृदेहोद्गितर्क्षता पुर्शकदात्मजः

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> J. A. S. B., Vol. XXXI, pp. 123 ff.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Above, Vol. XXI, p. 95. Vimalasiva is also mentioned in the recently discovered Rewah plates of K. 963, above, Vol. XXV, pp. 1 ff.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This is also the spelling of the name in the Bhērā-Ghāt stone inscription of Alhanadēvī, but the Gōtra-pravaranibandhakadamba spells it as Mauna.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> There is a larger village named Nayāgaon in the former Narsinghpur (now Hoshangābād) District, but it is too far from Jubbulpore, being situated about 45 miles south by west of it. Besides, no places corresponding to Tēkabhara, Samudrapāṭaka, etc., can be traced in the vicinity of it.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> From the original stone and inked estampages.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Expressed by a symbol. This word is clearly written in the beginning of the unpublished British Museum plate of Karna.

- 4 खाखितानुभूतय: ॥[५॥\*] तदन्वये शिष्यपरम्पराया: क्रमांचि वंश[:] こしーしーしーしーしーしーしーしーしーしーしーしーしーしーしーーー ॥[६॥\*] ヒ ヒ ヒ ヒ ヒ ー ー ヒ दिशां चक しー し

About 18 aksharas are gone here.

<sup>\*</sup> About 30 aksharas are lost here.

- 11 स्व सुमनोभूषषियः । गीयते चिततं यस्य सिद्धः कस्पतरोरित ॥[२०॥\*] सत्कीर्त्तिकस्पलितकावष्टंभाद्गुतभूकृष्टः । तस्य कीर्त्तिशिवः शिष्य[स्तिष्य ?]  $\hookrightarrow$   $\hookrightarrow$  [बभूव सः] [॥२१॥\*] [येन देव ?]  $\hookrightarrow$   $\longrightarrow$   $\hookrightarrow$   $\hookrightarrow$  । नरसिंहनरेन्द्रस्य बभूवा-
- 12 भ्युद्याय सः ॥[२२\*॥] न स्यंदनं वसुमती न च चंद्रसूर्यौ चक्रे न सारिधर-भूक्ष च विष्वयोनिः । नेषुईिरः परपुराणि तथापि भस्म चक्रे यतः स इति कीर्त्तिश्चिवः स्फु[टं सः\*] ॥[२३॥\*] यशोभिरिंदुविश्यदैस्तथैवारिविकर्षितैः । स्रपूपुरस्य सर्व्वाशा विवे-
- 13 ककुसुमैरिव ॥[२४॥\*] दृष्टी च विपृष्टमनोभवीपि प्रसद्धचंद्रप्रतिमाननोपि । व्रषप्रतिष्ठीपि श्रिवावसक्तोप्यभूत्स नोग्रो न च सिंदिजिष्कः ॥[२५॥\*] कलचुरिकुल. . . . ¹यन्ति प्रदीपाः · · · · · ² । स यथैव तथेन्द्रियाणि
  सर्वा-
- 14 स्थपि विश्वाससुरहुरिंदिरायाः ॥[२६॥\*] विस्वासित्रजगित्रास्त्रगोत्रे सैचाद्यसंक्षताः । प्रापुर्व्विपाः क्रियंतो न प्रतिष्ठां परमिष्ठिनः ॥[२०॥\*] येषां सम्यगधीतवेद-विषयन्नानार्थमत्यादरा[त्\*] [येषां] U U [रदायनसभू] — U । येषां [चा]र्थसस्दिभिः समभव-
- 15 बिष्टानि पूर्त्तानि च प्राम्यखेन महीस्तामिव सदा यायावराणामिप ॥[२८॥\*]
  क्रमात्तवाभवद्गोने मैत्रीं सन्दे(ब्रें)षु संदधत् । ऋचां पदक्रमाधीती वो(बो)हा
  च मधुसूदन: ॥[२८॥\*] दिचणाशावतंसस्य कुंभयोनेरिवाधिकम् । व(ब)भूव
  यस्य विवु(बु)धीहो(हो)धाय म-
- 17 वृद्धमापदा सुरादिवर्धे । श्रैवं व्रतं कीर्त्तिशिवाहभार समग्रमुगादुपमन्युवदाः ॥[३२॥\*] कल्यायुर्व्धिमलिश्वः स एव [तद्धा]हि(हि)भ्याणः कलियुगकल्पपाद-पत्वम् । [यच्छा]यां विवु(बु)धगणीधिगम्य धत्ते वैधुर्धे न खलु [महील]वोदयेषु ॥[३४॥\*] जा-

<sup>1</sup> About 5 aksharas are missing here.

<sup>3</sup> About 7 aksharas are gone here.

- 18 ति: सळानपूर्णिता रितपतिर्थावर्त्तनायाक्तिर्थितः कांतिसङ्ख्यांतिस्तर्पा स्मीतिर्भुणानां गुरः । रीति: प्रीति सतामितिरां भीति: सदा तिर्दा सिनं मङ्ग्ल]सुद्यमैकसर्चरस्थैव संद्र्यते ॥ १३५॥ वाणी सहुजनेपुष्पण-
- 20 हृत्तमिचस्यास्याद्धतं न किम् ॥[३७॥\*] यस्याधिष्ठिजराजदर्शनवशाहानाम्बु(म्बु)[भिर्व्वर्षते] श्रद्धा [राचिदिवं] वरेण विधिना धर्मस्य तस्त्रीरिव' । यो दर्शव्यपि सादरं द्विजपतीनचीषयोभाभरान्दचो योजयते सुवर्णविकश्रकांद्री हिणीनां
  स्र(प्र)तै: ॥[३८॥\*]
- 21 सक्त लट्ट पतिक्रत्यप्रत्यविचासु दाच्यं समधिकमधि — जर्यधुर्यः । दिक्त पतिरिप पूर्णः कोमसाभिः कत्ताभिः कत्त्रयित व(व)ससीसां यीरि — ॥[३८॥\*] समीसीसाको सिक्त तुक्तत्या संततं सम्बगाणो-
- 22 प्यचाणां न चमी यः क्षचिदिप सन्दते स(य)क्रिमुक्षेचियित्रीम् । पृष्टिया]लेन नित्यं [व(व)हुल]समुचिते कार्यजाते नियुक्तोप्यादत्ते नैव जाद्यं [क्षह्न<sup>6</sup>?]पि विधिववित्यनैमित्ति[क्षेषु] ॥[४०॥\*] [नित्यं] [वासनया] ८ — ८ ८ — — — ८ — संजन्ने न विचा-
- 23 रपूर्वितिविधि [ईत्तं] न यदास्ति तत् । पात्रं तद्य यदिर्वतं न व(ब) इयस्तीर्धे न तद्भृतले दानस्नानतपीभिग इततमैर्यनामुना संस्कृतम् ॥ [४१॥\*] साधीयांसि सङ्गीयांसि स्थेयांसि स्थाणकिपणः । श्रेयांसि यस्य वर्षते सङ्गोसीव स्थान
- 24 सि च ॥[४२॥\*] उद्यानसरसी[सच]प्रासादिहजवेश्मभि: । भूमि: परिभवत्यस्य न कैर्भूषाभरैदिवम् ॥[४३॥\*] यो मंत्रैः करविर्त्तनः समकरोक्नोकान् परेभ्यः परान् कियसिंहदेवन्द्रपतिर्भक्त्यातिनन्त्रोपि सन् । स त्रीमान्विमलेश्वरः किल्मिलप्र-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The visarga is dropped here according to the Vārttika on Pāṇini VIII, 3, 36.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The second vatsa here means 'the breast'.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> [The form udyōtatē can also be correct. In that case the root is yut and not dyut.—B. C. C.]

<sup>\*</sup> Tantri seems to be used here in the sense of 'a sinew'.

Wikaśa(sa)t, (blooming) seems to be used here in the sense of vilasai (shining).

<sup>·</sup> Read kvachid=api.

- चालनैकचमां कीर्त्तं देव[नदीमिव] चिभुवने विस्तार्/येब्रंदनीम] ॥[४४॥\*] 25 चीकरचंद्रमीलेमींदि रमादरात् । गुरोः कीर्त्तिश्वस्थैतत्कीर्त्तये सक्ताय च ॥ ८५॥\* कीर्तीखरसंज्ञिताय प्रादादम्भै जयसिंच्देव: विभ्रद्ववे गुरी '
- च यामाववै: पर्व्वणि न[व्य !]दायान् ॥[४६॥\*] टेकभराख्यस्तेषामिको लाविषये । अन्यौ समुद्रपाटे कंडरवाडों वडोंहस्च(ख) ॥[४०॥\*] मौन्यान्वय-हिजेंद्रश्रीधरणीधरनंदन: । प्रशस्तिमकरोदेताम्प्रीत्या श्रमि(श्रि)धर: कवि: ॥[४८॥\*] सवधारशि-
- [रोरत्न]मन्नीधरतनृद्वव: । शिलामलंकरोदेतां² नामदेवोऽचरैर्व्वरै: ।।[४८॥\*] त्षि इंग्रत्युत्तरनवश्रताङ्किपि ८२६ ॥ यावत्यूर्याचंद्री यातायातं नभस्तले तपतः। तावत्कीर्त्तनमेतत्कीर्चे कर्त्तः स्थिरं भूयात् ॥ [५०॥\*] ध

#### TRANSLATION.

Success! Om! Obeisance to Siva!

(Verse 1.) Having become a meritorious person's son of righteous deeds, (Siva) who takes delight in blooming lotuses, who abides in venerable Brāhmaņas, who dwells blamelessly in honoured lustre, rises from the Kārandavatī rivers (?), and completely destroys the (evil) actions of the enemies of those who take refuge with him, annihilates the arrogance of demons.

- (V. 2.) Siva, who is mounted on the bull, who has the beauty of lotuses.....
- (V. 3.) We praise [Siva], whom they see..... (V. 4.) For the realization of their self by the worlds, Siva revealed his doctrine.....
- (V. 5.) Those whose direct knowledge failed......
- (V. 6.) In his lineage in the succession of disciples in course of time, the family.....
- (V. 7.) ......
- (V. 8.) Having installed his disciple, Vimalaśiva, in his own place, he......
- (V. 9.) Whose dear fame.....
- (V. 10.) (He) who was named Vāstuśiva, who caused great bliss, who......in the country of the lords of Chēdi . . . .
  - (V. 11.) ......
- (V. 12.) His disciple named....śiva, who acquired a great excellence of merits and wealth in order to oblige others (and) to attain the aims of human life......
  - (V. 13.) .....
  - (V. 14.) ......like multitudes of merits......

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Two aksharas are inadvertently omitted here. Read —maule ramyam mandiram.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Alarinkarāt is grammatically incorrect. Read =alanchakār=aitām.

<sup>3</sup> Read Samvat shadvim saty-uttara-nava-satē=nkē'=pi.

<sup>•</sup> There is an ornamental figure here.

<sup>5</sup> There is some allusion here, which is not clear to me. Monier-Williams gives Kārandavat (which is perhaps intended here by kāranda-pūrnā) as the name of a river.

- (V. 15.) He, (though) possessed of equanimity, bore love towards worthy persons, was attached to holy places, followed the path approved by good people (and) was devoted to Siva.....
- (V. 16.) Purushasiva, the best of men, who was conversant with......was his disciple
- (V. 17.) On account of whom there arose as much abundance—great with prosperity—in religious merit, wealth and enjoyment of Yaśaḥkarņa as that of (*Indra*), the lord of immortals, through Bṛihaspatì,
- (V. 18.) His disciple, Saktisiva,......(who augmented) the (two) royal powers of the illustrious king Gayakarna, made the circle of regions very bright with the mass of his fame as he did the ocean of learning with the excellence of his intellect.
- (V. 19.) ...... the prowess of the king Gayakarna ..... the hostile king forcibly.....
- (V. 20.) The deeds of him, who is pre-eminently counted among good people and whose wealth is an ornament of his good heart, are sung by wise men like those of the celestial wish-fulfilling tree.
- (V. 21.) The disciple of bim—a marvellous tree entwined by the creeping plant of noble fame—(was) Kīrtiśiva.....
  - (V. 22.) He caused the prosperity of the king Narasimha....
- (V. 23) (Unlike Siva) he had not the earth for his chariot, nor the sun and the moon for its wheels, nor Brahmā for his charioteer, nor Vishņu for his arrew. Still he reduced to askes the cities of the enemies (as Siva did those of the demons). Hence he (was) clearly Kīrtiśiva (Siva in glory).
- (V. 24.) He filled all regions with his glory which he wrested from the enemy and which was as bright as the moon, as with the flowers of discrimination.
- (V. 25.) Though he had burned the feeling of love in his glances, though his face resembled the bright moon, though he was firmly attached to religion<sup>2</sup> and was devoted to Siva<sup>2</sup> (even as Siva burned the god of love by his glance, has a bright disc of the moon on his forehead, is mounted on the bull and is attached to Pārvatī), he was (unlike Siva who is called Ugra<sup>4</sup> and wears serpents) neither dreadful in appearance nor attended by backbiters.<sup>5</sup>
- (V. 27.) In the gotra of Viśvāmitra which is the friend of the world, how many Brāhmaṇas, adorned with benevolence and other (virtues), have not attained the pre-eminence of Paramēshthin (God)?
- (V. 28.) Their......with great regard for the understanding of the contents of the Vēdas which they had studied in the right manner......Though they were vagrant mendicants, their sacrificial rites and charitable works were performed with abundance of wealth and in a praiseworthy manner like those of kings.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For the equipment of Siva in his fight with the demons of the three cities, see Mahābhārata, Drōṇaparvan, adhyāya 202, vv. 71.78 (Chitraśālā Press ed.).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> There is a play on the word wisha meaning (1) religion and (2) the bull Nandi.

Sirāvasakta is to be interpreted in two ways; (i) Šiva-avasakta meaning 'devoted to Siva', and (ii) Sivā-avasakta meaning 'attached to Pārvatī'.

<sup>4</sup> Ugra is a name of Siva.

<sup>•</sup> Dvijihva (two-tongued) means (i) a serpent, and (ii) a backbiter.

<sup>1</sup> Maitri is one of the four bhavanas which Yogins cultivate,

- (V. 29) In course of time there was born in that gotra Madhusudana who bore benevolence towards all, had studied the pada and krama texts of the Riks and understood their meaning.
- (V. 30.) The rising greatness of him, who was an ornament of the southern regions, led greatly to the awakening of learned men, even as the rise of the star Agastya, the ornament of the southern direction causes the awakening of the gods (from slumber).
- (V. 31.) Through him who was an ornament of the foremost among Brāhmaṇas, (his) wife named Umā, who resembled Pārvatī, was adorned by a son even as the three worlds were by Skanda.
- (V. 32.) Having studied the Vēdas and understood their contents, he, observing vows, [pleased all people] like the southern breeze,
- (V. 33.) Having paid off his debt to the best of gods and others at Prabhāsa, Gōkarņa, Gayā and other holy places, he received (initiation in) the Saiva vow from Kīrtiśiva even as Upamanyu did from Ugra (i.e., Siva).
- (V. 34.) (May) this Virnalasiva, who has consequently become the wish-fulfilling tree of the Kali age, live to the end of the world!—(the tree), having come under the shade of which a multitude of Brāhmaṇas does not indeed feel distressed on the approach of great festivities!
- (V. 35.) In the case of only this (Vimalaśiva) who is solely devoted to exertion are seen (the following), viz., birth in a caste (viz., Brāhmaṇa) which is honoured by good people, a (handsome) form which can turn back the god of love (in discomfiture), a personality attended by lustre, a large increase of merits accompanied by great tranquillity and excellent austerity, a mode of behaviour which is exceedingly pleasing to good people, political wisdom which is always pleasing to the politicians (and) blessed silence.
- (V. 36.) '(The goddess of) speech who is fond of proficiency in merits dwells in the lotus which is Brahmā's face, and the goddess of fortune loves to live on the breast of (Vishnu) who is adorned with Srivatsa.'—This is what people say. But, what a wonder! this pair shines forth so joyfully in him that it has caused......in the minds of magnanimous people!
- (V. 37.) What thing concerning him is not marvellous?—(him) who is the moon to the ocean of learning, a lotus to the goddess of austerities, a pleasure-mountain to the truth and a friend of virtuous conduct?
- (V. 38.) At the sight of the best of Brāhmaņas (who approach him) as supplicants, his piety increases in an excellent manner, day and night with the libations of water (poured at the time) of making gifts like a sinew of religion. Vigilant<sup>2</sup> as he is, he confers respectfully on the best of Brāhmaṇas, whose splendour has not decreased, hundreds of red cows shining with gold even on new-moon days.

<sup>1</sup> The star Canopus which appears on the horizon just before the commencement of Sarad or autumn. [There is also a veiled reference to the sage Agastya who is associated with the propagation of Aryan culture in the south.—Ed.]

<sup>\*</sup> There is a play on the words daksha, dvija-pati and rōhinī. Daksha gave only one Rōhinī (i.e., the star Aldeberan) to the moon and that too on the full-moon day, while Vimalasiva gives hundreds of rōhinīs (red cows) to Brāhmaṇas even on the new-moon day. The star Rōhinī is personified as the daughter of Daksha and the favourite wife of the moon.

In this verse also there is a pun on words like dvija-pati, kalā, ets.

- (V. 40.) Though he is ever looked at with great eagerness by the goddess of fortune with sportful glances, he nowhere suffers the sense-organs to have the power of making him vain. Though he is always employed by the king in many worthy affairs, he nowhere shows slackness in (the performance of) obligatory and occasional religious rites.
- (V. 42.) Of him who is like Siva, the exceedingly good, great and lasting blessings and glory increase like his lustre.
- (V. 43.) With what ornaments (supplied by him) does not the earth surpass heaven?—(the earth, which has) gardens, tanks, charitable feeding houses, temples and houses of Brāhmaṇas?
- (V. 44.) May that illustrious Vimalasiva—who by his counsels has made (even) the most distant people pay taxes, (to whom) the king Jayasiriha [bows] becoming very humble through devotion spread in the three worlds his delightful fame which, like the celestial river, is capable of washing away the taint of the Kali age!
- (V. 45.) He caused a temple of the moon-crested (Siva) to be constructed for the fame and religious merit of his teacher Kīrtiśiva out of reverence for him.
- (V. 46.) To this god named Kīrtīśvara, Jayasirihadēva, through devotion to Śiva and his teacher, has made new grants of villages on (the occasion of) the sun's eclipse.
- (V. 47.) Of these, the village called **Tēkabhara** is situated in the vishaya (district) of **Nava**-pattalā and two others (viz.,) **Kaṇḍaravāḍa** and **Vaḍōha** in (the district of) **Samudrapāṭa**.
- (V. 48.) The poet Sasidhara, the son of the illustrious Dharanidhara who is the foremost among Brāhmanas, born in the family of Maunya, has composed this praéasti with pleasure.
- (V. 49.) Nāmadēva, the son of Mahīdhara, the crest-jewel of artisans, has adorned this slab with excellent letters.
  - (In) the year nine hundred increased by twenty-six, in figures, 926.
- (V. 50.) May this temple endure firmly for the fame of the builder as long as the sun and the moon, going and coming, shine in the firmament!

# No. 34.—CONJEEVERAM INSCRIPTION OF BRAHMA-TANTRA-SVATANTRA-JIYAR: SAKA 1282.

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Kānchīpuram in the Chingleput District was an important place of pilgrimage from very early times. Portions of this town and its environs were in the olden days known according to their religious associations, as the Buddha-Kānchī, Jina-Kānchī, Siva-Kānchī and Vishņu-Kānchī. The inscription published below is engraved on the north wall of the second prākāra of the Varadarāja temple at Little Conjeeveram, otherwise called Vishņu-Kānchī, which is very sacred to the Vaishņavas of the south.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Kara-varttin means also 'one who is near at hand.' The statement 'Vimalasiva makes most distant people near' involves contradiction, but it is only apparent, the intended sense being as given above. The figure is Virōdhābhāsa.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Buddha-Kānchī is referred to in No. 15 of the Madras Epigraphical collection for 1934-35 (Annual Report on South Indian Epigraphy, 1934-35, para. 56). Jina-Kānchī is represented by Tirupparuttikkungu near Conjeeveram; Śiva-Kānchī and Vishņu-Kānchī are respectively the modern Big and Little Conjeeveram.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> No. 574 of the Madras Epigraphical collection for 1919.

The characters in which the record is engraved are **Tamil** and **Grantha**, the latter being employed for the Sanskrit words. The language is **Tamil** with an admixture of Sanskrit words, and is somewhat illustrative of the type of Vaishnava composition prevalent in this period and locality. The record is very well preserved, and its orthography does not call for any comment.

The record does not quote any king's name but is simply dated in Saka 1282 and contains the astronomical details—Vikārin, Mēsha, śu. 1, Friday and Aśvati—which yield the equivalent A.D. 1359, March 29. It states that a certain Vaishnavadāsa who had been given the title of Brahma-tantra-svatantra-Jīyar by the god (Hastigirīša), was put in charge of a matha evidently at Kānchīpuram in Saka 1282. This information is of interest for Vaishnava religious history, as it enables us to identify this first pontiff of the matha with the direct disciple of the great Vēdānta-Dēšika, the erudite scholar, keen controversialist and deeply venerated Vaishnava āchārya, whose literary and religious activities are said to have extended over a major portion of the 14th century A.D.

As mentioned above, the inscription does not refer itself to the reign of any king, but it is somewhat peculiarly worded, in that it purports to have been issued by the deity himself. In the Tamil records of this temple, the god is called Aruļāļapperumāļ or Tiruvattiyūr-ninraruļiya-Paramasvāmin, or 'the great Lord who was pleased to stand at Tiruvattiyūr'. The village-name Tiruvattiyūr having been Sanskritised into Hastigiri,² the god came to be known to Sanskrit authors as Hastigirīśa, by which name he is referred to in the opening verse of this epigraph. It is stated that on the representation made by the agent Perumāļtātan and other Bhaṭṭas, the god, while seated in regal pomp with his consorts in the abhishēka-maṇḍapa of the temple on the throne named Vīravallāļan under the canopy called the Ariyeṇavallāṇ-pandal listening to the chanting of the songs of Śaṭhakōpa, was pleased to confer the title of Brahma-tantra-svatantra-Jīyar on a certain Vaishṇavadāsa and to put him in charge of a maṭha and its properties, so that he may propagate the tenets of the Rāmānuja-darśanam³ to the Vaishṇava laity, and maintain the library which he had collected, probably in the maṭha premises. A sentence at the end adds that this divine order (tirumugam) was engraved on stone by the temple-accountant.

In regard to the particular style of wording in this inscription, couched as if the orders had emanated directly from the deity himself, it may be mentioned that this convention was adopted by some of the Vaishnava temples in the Tirunelvēli District in the 14th and 15th centuries A.D., and in some instances in the South Arcot and Chingleput Districts also. Some Saiva temples also appear to have sparingly copied this procedure in drafting their documents at this period. In such cases, the occasion when and the place wherefrom the orders were issued are given at some length. Some instances may be quoted.

1. Sakābdam 1463 nāļ . . . Muļļināṭṭu brahmadēyam śrī-Śēravaṇ-mahādēvi-chaturvēdimaṅgalattu vaḍapāl śrīmad-Dvārakānāthaṇ aruļāl Āyiratteṇmaṇ-pandaṛ-kīļ Vīrakēraļaṇ-pīṭhattu nāmum nam peṇḍugaļoḍuṅ kūḍi-irundu, etc.—(Shermādēvi, No. 186 of 1895 of the Madras Epigraphical collection—S. I. I., Vol. V, No. 750).

इसींग्रं लीकविंखातं कीखिन्यं विदेषां वरम्।

## रामानुजार्यसिद्धान्तस्थापनाचार्यमात्रये॥

Dēśika is believed to have been born in A.D. 1269, Sukla, and to have died in A.D. 1370, Saumya. The present record is of help in confirming the period of his literary activity as the second half of the 14th century A.D.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The artificial ramp formed by an enclosed mandapa is called the 'Tirumalai' or 'giri', on top of which the shrine of Varadarāja is located.

<sup>\*</sup> Compare the verse composed in praise of this Jiyar:

This is analogous to the instances in which kings are described as having been seated in particular halls of their palaces and on particular seats, while issuing the orders contained in the respective epigraphs.

- 2. Nāyaṇār Tiruviḍaikali-Nāyaṇār Āḍi-ayaṇa-ttiru-mañjaṇam śeydaruli Irāmānujaṇ-tirumaṇḍapattu Nālukavipperumāl-Vīrasimhāsaṇattu śrī-Śaṭhakōpaṇ tirumuttiṇ-pandal-kkīl Nāchchimāruḍaṇ chēndaruli-irundu eṅgalai arulappāḍittaruli nammu-ḍaiya aḍiyāril . . . nammuḍaiya kumāraṇ Hariyaṇaṇ kumāraṇ Hariyaṇaṇ, etc.—(Tirukkōyilūr, No. 356 of 1929 of the Madras Epigraphical collection).
- 3. Nam bhaktar Malai-maṇḍalattu Tālaikkuḍi Śēndapirāṇ-Periyāṇāṇa Yādavarāyaṇukku nam=aḍukkalaippuram . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . śelvadāga nam magaṇār Vīra-Pāṇḍyadēvarkku eṭṭāvadu, etc.—(Tirunelvēli, No. 127 of 1894 of the Madras Epigraphical collection—S. I. I., Vol. V, No. 416).

The reigning king of the time is referred to in these records as nam pillai or nam kumāraņ 'the god's son or favourite', and in response to his formal petition that a particular transaction may be made, the god is described as sanctioning it and issuing a ratificatory order to that effect to the officials concerned. This convention does not, however, appear to have been in vogue for a long time. Ādi-Chaṇḍēśvara, one of the sixty-three Nāyaṇmārs, is considered to be the steward-inchief (mūla-bhritya) of Śaiva temples, and the documents relating to them are drafted in his name. Similarly also Vishvaksēna or Sēṇai-mudaliyār is looked upon as the Manager of Vaishṇava temples. It is one step further to assume that the orders were issued directly by the god himself. Such divine mandates are called aruļappāḍu; and in the Śrīraṅgam temple, god Raṅgarāja is even now conventionally considered to look after the affairs of his temple himself and issue the necessary orders through the mouth of his temple-officials.

Before proceeding to examine the contents of this record, a few expressions occurring in it may be explained.

(L. 2). Vīravallāļan simhāsanam and Ariyenavallān-pandal are the names respectively of a throne and a canopy. The first was probably presented to the temple by the Hoysala king Vīra-Ballāla III<sup>2</sup>, while the second may have been named after some one having the title 'he who is as powerful as a lion,' but whose title it was is not known.

Nam pendugal-viz., Vishņu's two consorts, Śrī and Bhūmī.

Sathakōpan-pāṇu kēļānirka—Sathakōpa is the name of the Vaishṇava saint Nammāļvār, whose Tiruvāymoļi is considered equal to the Vēdas in sanctity and is chanted in the presence of the deity on particular occasions. Endowments made for this service in Vishņu temples are often mentioned in inscriptions.

(L. 3). Perumāļtātaņ—Perumāļtātaņ or Perumāļdāsaņ would odinarily mean 'a devotee of Perumāļ (Vishņu)'; but in this context it appears to have been the name of the agent, super-

(a) सर्वलीकसमुत्पत्तिस्थितिसं इ। रकारश्यम् ।

शासनं शासतं शंभी: श्रीवीडिहतिवासिन: 1 -No. 127 of 1894 of the Madras Epigraphical collection.

(b) एतत् वैलोकानिर्माखवाबसं द्वारकार चम्।

शीमत्शीरङ्गायस्य शासनं शासतं परम्॥ —No. 51 of 1938-39 of the same collection.

- <sup>2</sup> Ballāļa III was camping at Kāñchīpuram in Bhāvaka (Śaka 1256)—No. 401 of 1919 of the Madras Epigraphical collection. In two other records from the same temple, one of which is dated in Śaka 1283, in the regime of Sāļuva Mangu, the god is described as seated in a similar manner while issuing the orders.
- <sup>3</sup> A liquid measure called 'Ariyeṇavallāṇ-nāļi' was current in this temple at this period—(No. 343 of 1919 of the Madras Epigraphical collection).
  - 4 Madras Epigraphical Report for 1908, part II, para. 35.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In these instances, the records commence with a Sanskrit verse spec≝ying that the orders emanate from the god himself—

vising the sacred business of the temple (nam vīṭṭu karumam kēṭkum), in whose presence and that of the Bhaṭṭas of the temple, the order is stated to have been promulgated. The name 'Vaishṇava-dāsa' occurring in the same line has to be considered as meaning the servant-devotee of Vaishṇavas' rather than as the personal name of the donee in the record; for according to the Guruparamparā-prabhāvam, the original name of Brahma-tantra-svatantra-Jīyar was Pēraruļā-layyan of Vīravalli¹ and his dāsyanāma on becoming a samnyāsın was Pēraruļāļa-Jīyan.

(L. 4). Samārādhanamum adukku vēudum muṭṭukkaļum—seems to refer to the worship to be conducted to the deities kept in the maṭha itself and the requirements therefor. It is usual for every maṭha to have images of some deities for worship. In this connection, it may be noted that on the eve of the demise of Vēdānta-Dēsika, some images are said to have been bequeathed to his disciple Brahma-tantra-svatantra-Jīyar.<sup>2</sup>

Postakangalum idukku vēndum upakaranangalum—By postakangal (pustaka), manuscript bundles are apparently meant. The upakaranas are the accessories and paraphernalia required for running a library—such as probably racks for the accommodation of the manuscript bundles, spare sets of cadjan leaves for copying work, and stylus and other scribal apparatus.

 $R\ddot{a}m\ddot{a}nuja$ -darśanam—is the Visishṭādvaita-siddhānta as codified and expounded in his  $\dot{S}r\bar{i}$ -bhāshya by the great Vaishṇava apostle Rāmānuja (A.D. 1017-1137). It was he who had raised this system to an unassailable eminence and had arranged for its propagation in true missionary style, by the training of a number of able exponents and  $simh\bar{a}san\bar{a}dhipatis^3$  from among his numerous disciples.

- (L. 5) Nam Rāmānujam-uḍaiyārum nam samayattil uḷḷārum—Rāmānujam-uḍaiyār appears to mean the 'followers of Rāmānuja.' The idea seems to be that the selection of Brahma-tantra-svatantra-Jīyar as the pontiff was to receive the acceptance of Rāmānuja's followers and the Vaishņava laity (samayattil-uḷḷār).
- (L. 6) Ivanukku nām mudittapadiyum uduttapadiyum pūšinapadiyum kuduttām—means that the flowers worn by the god, the clothes used by him and the sandal-paste and unquents utilised for his worship were presented to the Jīyar as a mark indicative of the god's love to the recipient. This expression is found used in some inscriptions<sup>5</sup> and in Vaishņava literature.

As regards Brahma-tantra-svatantra-Jīyar, the donee of the record, some information is available from Vaishņava literature. Among the South Indian religions, it was Vaishņavism alone that had developed the 'historical sense' to an appreciable extent, and there are therefore several biographies of the Vaishņava āchāryas available, collated under the names of Vaibhavas and Guruparamparās of varying volume. One such work dealing with the life of the great Vaishņava reformer Vēdānta-Dēśika is the Guruparamparā-prabhāvam' in Tamil prose by Tritīya-

<sup>1</sup> Guruparamparā-prabhāvam (Tamil, Madras,), p. 114; see also f. n. 3 on p. 319.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Ibid., p. 138.

<sup>\*</sup> There were 74 simhāsanādhipatis who were selected. Their names are given in the reply to question No. 24 of the Trimsatprasnottaram, Palanadaivilakkam, p. 30.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The following expression from No. 51 of 1938-39 from Śrinangam may be compared—Kodavar kovanavar nam bhattakal . . . nam Rāmānujanai udaiyār nam pāduvār, etc.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Compare No. 567 of 1919 of the Madras Epigraphical collection.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> There are many biographies of Dēśika available. The Vēdānta-Dēśika-vaibhava-prakāšikā by Dodday-āchārya is in Sanskrit.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Published in Madras in several editions. Dvitīya-Brahma-tantra-svatantra-Jīyar, the āchārya of the author of this work is said to have written the Paṇṇīrāyirappadi-Guruparamparā-prabhāvam, which is not extant.

Brahma-tantra-svatantra-Jīyar. Shorn of the few miraculous elements that are inevitable in an orthodox hagiography, this work compiled by an author who lived only a few generations later than Dēśika, may be considered as fairly reliable. From it we gather the following details about Brahma-tantra-svatantra-Jīyar, the first of that name, who was a disciple of Vēdānta-Dēśika:

Brahma-tantra-svatantra-Jīyar belonged to the Kaundinya-götra and was originally called Vîravalli Pēraruļāļayyan. Well-versed in all the śāstras, he became an ardent disciple of Dēśika and assumed the samnyāsa garb under the name of Pēraruļāļa-Jīyar. When the Ranganatha temple at Srirangam was looted by the Muhammadans in the first quarter of the 14th century, Brahma-tantra-svatantra-Jīyar fled along with his āchārya to Satyamangalam (in the Coimbatore District) and returned to Śrīrangam only after some years. He was taught the Bhagarad-rishayam (Ārāyirappadi) by Varadāchārya alias Nayinārāchārya, the son and disciple of Vēdānta-Dēśika, in Kali 4440, Bahudhānya, Āvaņi, śu. 2, Hasta (=A.D. 1338, August 18). On one occasion, he vanquished a pandit of North India in a polemical contest at Śrirangam and was honoured by Deśika with the title of 'Brahma-tantra-svatantra' '1 'he who is a master in Brahma-tantra'. That accounts for the origin of the name by which he was popularly known. On another occasion during the régime of Tirumalai-Śrīnivāsāchārya² who had been installed by Dēśika as the Śrīkārya-dhurandhara of the Kāñchīpuram temple, Brahmatantra-syatantra-Jivar overcame a Kashmirian pandit in a philosophical discussion and earned the title of 'Paryāya-Bhāshyakāra'. Some time later under the direction of god Venkatēša in a dream, he accepted the Trusteeship of the Tirupati temple, and during his tenure of office there, he installed an image of Vēdānta-Dēśika in a matha built by him at Tirumala, as well as in a mandapa in the Govindaraja temple at Lower Tirupati. He stayed at Tirupati for a long time expounding the Vaishnava philosophy to his disciples Ghațikāśatakam-Ammāļ, Kiḍāmbi-Navinār, Kōmāṇḍūr-Āchchāṇ, Pillaiy-Appai, Pēraruļāļayyan-Appai, Kandādai-Āndān, Vīravalli-Pillai and others. After his demise he was succeeded by Pēraruļālayyan-Appai. Brahmatantra-svatantra-Jiyar was the author of two small works—the Divyasūri-stutia and the Āchāryāvatāra-ghaţţārtha.5

Though these biographical details may, in the main, be accepted, a few omissions may be noticed. The Guruparamparā-prabhāvam does not contain a reference to the founding of a matha at Kānchī-puram and to the installation of Brahma-tantra-svatantra-Jīyar in it as its first pontiff for the propagation of the Rāmānuja-darśanam, as stated in the present record, nor do the Tirupati inscriptions corroborate his Trusteeship of the Tirupati temple. But these points notwithstanding, Brahma-tantra-svatantra-Jīyar of the record under review may be identified with the disciple of

पर्यायभाष्यकाराय प्रशातार्त्तं विधून्वते । ब्रह्मतन्त्रस्तन्त्राय दितीयब्रह्मश् नमः॥

चाचार्यावतारवद्दाधें संग्रहेण प्रकास्यते ॥

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The present record conventionally states that god himself gave the title.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Guruparamparā-prabhāvam, p. 138. He was the author of a religious work called the Prabandha-nirvākom.

<sup>3</sup> A verse composed by Chatikāśatakam-Ammāļ in praise of this Jiyar reads-

The colophon reads—ब्रह्मतन्त्रस्ततन्त्रोत्तां दियम्बिस्ति।

<sup>·</sup> Its colophon rea is - ब्रह्मतन्त्रस्ततन्त्रेण परकालयतीन्दुना।

Vēdānta-Dēśika, because of the fact that the investiture of this unique title of 'Brahma-tantrasvatantra', herein attributed to the god himself, had been made more than a decade prior to the demise of Dēśika and that this āchārya's name figures in three important 'pontifical lists'.'

The matha which was thus started at Kānchīpuram under the pontificate of this Brahma-tantra-svatantra-Jīyar in A.D. 1360 grew in importance and appears to have latterly removed its headquarters to Mēlkōte in the Mysore State, where it became popular under the name of the Parakāla-matha<sup>2</sup>. There were several scholars among the subsequent heads of this matha, and a short sketch of its history has been given in the granth-ōpasamhāra of the Alankāra-maṇihāra,<sup>3</sup> a work on rhetoric composed recently by one of its pontiffs also called Brahma-tantra-svatantra-Jīyar.

At about this time in Saka 1300 there was in the Varadarāja temple at Kānchipuram, a minor matha called the Vēda-matha, which was presided over by a certain Vēdēndrasāgara-śrīpāda and which probably specialised in the teaching of the Vēdas. Another important Vaishņava matha which came into existence in this period was the Ahōbalam-matha, whose founder Śrīnivāsa, son of Kidāmbi Kēśavāchārya of Tirunārāyaṇapuram, is, according to orthodox tradition, believed to have assumed the Samnyāsāśrama in Śaka 1320 (A.D. 1398) under the name of Ādivan Ṣaṭhakōpa-Jīyar and to have been its first pontiff for a period of sixty years till A.D. 1458.

Vēdānta-Dēśika is stated in the Guruparamparā-prabhāvam to have been the contemporary of a certain Telugu chief named Sarvajña-Śiṅgabhūpāla and to have composed the Subhāshita-nīvī for his delectation. The same chief is said to have honoured Nayiṇārāchārya, the son and disciple of Dēśika, with the gift of a palanquin and other paraphernalia, when this āchārya went to the northern parts in his religious tours. It follows therefore that Brahma-tantra-svatantra was also a contemporary of this Śiṅga. According to the Velugōṭivāri-vaṁśāvaļi? dealing with the history of the Rēcherla chiefs, there were three chiefs of the name of Śiṅga. Of these, Śiṅga III who came to power in A.D. 1425 had the title of Sarvajňa. The author of the work on rhetoric called the Rasārṇava-sudhākara was a Śiṅga, son of an Annavōta; and he has been identified with Śiṅga II and has been assigned to about A.D. 1380. There was another earlier Śiṅga I who flourished about this time and was killed by a certain Tammaļa-Bommayya in A.D. 1360. It is no

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In this connection the following orthodox three-fold 'lists' may be noted:

<sup>(</sup>a) Mantrārtha-guruparamparā—Emberumāņār, Kiḍāmbi-Āchchān, Kiḍāmbi Rāmānuja Appuļļān, Śrīrangarājar, Appuļļār, Dēśikar and Brahma-tantra-svatantrar.

<sup>(</sup>b) Śrībhāshya-guruparamparā—Emberumāṇār, Tirukkurugaippirāṇ-Pilļān, Engaļālvān, Nāḍādūr-Ammāļ. Appuļļār, Dēśikar and Brahma-tantra-svatantrar.

<sup>(</sup>c) Bhagavad-vishaya-guruparamparā—Same as in (b), Dēśikar, Nayinārāchāryar and Brahma-tantra-sva-tantrar.

See Palanadairilakkam, Part II, p. 28.

<sup>3</sup> Published in the Mysore Sanskrit Series.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> No. 32 of the Madras Epigraphical collection for 1890—S. I. I., Vol. IV, No. 355.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Vide Tirupati Dēvasthānam Report (1930), p. 214, where these traditional dates are questioned and are postdated by a cycle of sixty years.

Guruparamparā-prabhāvam, pp. 120 and 139. Two other works named the Tatvasandēśa and the Rahasya-sandēśa are also stated to have been composed for the same purpose.

<sup>7</sup> Dr. N. Venkataramanayya, Velugötivāri-vamsāvaļi, Introduction.

<sup>8</sup> Vasantarāya, brother of the latter Śinga III, made a gift of four dvārapālaka images to the Varadarāja temple at Kāñchīpuram (No. 683 of 1919) in Śaka 1359.

श्रीमदश्वमण्डलाधीक्वर-प्रतिगण्डभैरव-श्रीयद्ववीतनरेन्द्रनन्द्रन-भुजवलभीम-श्रीश्रङ्गभूपाल-विरचितं रसार्णवसुधाकरं---

<sup>10</sup> His date has been discussed in Śringāra-Śrīnāthamu (Telugu) by Prabhākara Śāstrī, p. 179, ετο

doubt tempting to identify the author of the Rasārņava-sudhākara, with the chief who honoured the two āchāryas.¹ As Vēdānta-Dēśika is believed to have passed away in A.D. 1370,³ and as Nayinārāchārya had also attained to literary fame before A.D. 1360, their contemporary has been considered to have been Śiṅga I of A.D. 1360, who lived within the life-time of Dēśika but who is not known to have had the title of Sarvajña or more appropriately, Śiṅga II who actually began to rule later, but who may have been a young chieftain at the time of Nayiṇārāchārya's visit administering a portion of the territory in conjunction with his father Anavōta, for whom, however, records up to Śaka 1307 are found.

The existence of one other Śiṅga at this period may also be noted. In the Śrīraṅgam plates of Mummaḍi-Nāyaka³ dated in Śaka 1280, only two years earlier than the date of the present record, it is stated that a village which had been granted by one of the chiefs of Kōrukoṇḍa to a Parāśara-Bhaṭṭa, the seventh of that name, was transferred to the temple of god Raṅganātha by his mother, on the death of the latter without issue. This grant indicates that the Kōrukoṇḍa chiefs were devout Vaishṇavas and that a descendant of the famous Bhaṭṭar family of Śrīraṅgam was honoured by one of them. This Mummaḍi-Nāyaka is stated to have had two younger brothers, one of whom was a Śiṅga who was ruling over a portion of his brother's territory with headquarters at Kōṭipura in the Godavari District. His father was a Kūna. But the chief, to whom Dēśika¹ had dedicated the three works referred to above, is said to have been the son of a Mādhava-Nāyaka. If this is so, he cannot be identified either with the Rēcherla Śiṅga, son of Anavōta, or the Kōrukoṇḍa Śiṅga, son of Kūna. His identity must therefore remain undetermined for the present.

Another point of interest in this epigraph is the reference to a collection of manuscripts (or a library) which was kept in the matha and a stipulation made for its proper upkeep, as envisaged in the expression 'iva tēdina postakanqaļum idukku vēndum upakarannngaļum'. It is well-known that in the medieval centuries, religious institutions of all denominations, Śaiva, Vaishnava and Jaina, flourished in South India, either as a result of royal patronage or supported by private benefactions. They appear to have been primarily intended as seminaries for the imparting of religious education and incidentally for the dissemination of secular knowledge as well. The extensive properties granted from time to time to temples and to such religious establishments were left in charge of the heads of these mathas called Mathādhipatis, Mudaliyārs or Jīyars, on whom devolved the duty of supervising the proper conduct of the services for which the endowments had been intended, and who, in turn, enjoyed some privileges as remuneration for their services. Then there were also the Ghaṭikāsthānas (i.e.) 'establishments for holy and learned men', and smaller educational institutions of which there were many in the land, which were responsible for the intellectual well-being of the community. The munificent donations made for the

<sup>1</sup> Mr. M. Somasekhara Sarma has kindly brought to my notice a reference from Mr. M. Doraswamayya's article in the Tirumalai Śrī-Venkaţēśvara, Vol. I, No. 1, pp. 51 ff., wherein Śingabhūpāla, the author, has been assigned to a period before A. D. 1370, on the strength of the fact that the Rasārnava-sudhākara has been quoted from by the Chamatkāra-chandrikā of Viśvēśvara, which latter is referred to in the Alankārasudhānidhi of Bhōganātha of about. A.D. 1370.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Sanskrit verses engraved in the Śrīrangam temple eulogising the restoration of the Ranganātha image by Gōpaṇārya, are stated in the *Guruparamparā* to have been composed by Dēśika himself. If so he must have passed away soon after this incident.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Ante, Vol. XIV, p. 84 and Annual Report on Epigraphy, Madras, for 1913, pp. 129-30.

Life and Literary Writings of Dēsika, by M. K. Tātāchārya, where the following is quoted-

maintenance of these institutions are recorded in several inscriptions; but though no specific references to libraries as such, are found in them, it is, however, reasonable to infer that when these mathas,  $ghatik\bar{a}s$  and  $p\bar{a}thas\bar{a}l\bar{a}s$  were functioning properly, they must have been maintaining well-stocked libraries, for the use of the teachers as well as the taught.

The numerous collections of manuscripts which have been found in mathas and other places in South India, bear ample testimony to the fact that the library was a fairly well-recognised institution of medieval religious and student life. But specific references to libraries as such are, as stated already, rather rare in inscriptions. A record of the Western Chālukva king Trailōkvamalla-Āhavamalla dated in Śaka 980 (=A.D. 1058) from Nāgai² in the Hyderabad State mentions that Dandanatha-Trinetra Madhusudana, a general of the king, received from his master among many other endowments, a gift of land for the maintenance of six Curators called Sarasvati-Bhandūrigas who were placed in charge of the library attached to the college (Ghatikāśālā) at Nāgayāyiagrahāra, which had several hundred students on its rolls. Another interesting reference to a Sarasvatī-bhandāra or library is found in a fragmentary epigraph3 engraved on the east wall of the third prākāra in the Ranganātha temple at Śrīrangam in the Trichinopoly District. It is but natural to expect that this temple which is classified as belonging to the attamoitama type, should have been provided with a library as well.4 The record states that in an auxiliary mandapa which accommodated this library, provision was appropriately made for the installation and worship of the images of the three presiding deities of learning—riz., Havagrīva, Sarasvatī and Vyāsa-Bhagavān, by Pālappalli Nīlakantha-Nāvakar. As this person was a contemporary of Hoysala Vīra-Rāmanātha, in whose 14th year inscription (A.D. 1269) he is mentioned, the library of the Śrirangam temple was in existence from the middle of the 13th century A.D. A pustakabhāndāra as an adjunct to the Advaitic Śańkara-matha at Śringêri in the Mysore State is mentioned in two epigraphs from Vantvala near Perduru in the South Kanara District, which belong to the early Vijayanagara period. One of them is dated in Saka 1328 in the reign of king Bukka II and registers a gift of land for the maintenance of a certain Purānika Kavi-Krishņa-Bhatta, who was the Curator in charge of this library, while the other dated a few years later in Saka 1354 in the reign of king Devarava II, relates to another gift of land made to the Curator's son Kavi-Sankara-Bhatta, who evidently succeeded his father in his office.

### TEXT.

- 1 Tirumugappadi? [|\*] Svasti śrī<sup>8</sup>[\*||] Ētat=sur-āsur-ādhīśa-mauli-ratna-prabh-āruṇam [|\*] Śrīmat-Hastigirīśasya dēvadēvasya śāsanam 6...[||\*] Vikāri-samvatsarattu Mēsha-nāyaggu pūrvva-pakshattu prathamaiyum Veļļi-kkiļamaiyum
- 2 perra Aśvati-nāļ abhishēka-mandapattu Vīra-Vallāļan-simhāsanattu Ariyenavallān-pandal-kīl nāmum nam pendugaļudan Saṭakōpan-pāṭṭu-kkēļānirka nam vīdu³ karumam kēṭkum

- <sup>2</sup> The Inscriptions of Nagai (Hyderabad Archl. Series, No. 8), p. 7.
- No. 139 of the Madras Epigraphical collection for 1938-39.

- <sup>5</sup> No. 4 of the Madras Epigraphical collection for 1937-38.
- Nos. 283 and 284 of the same collection for 1936-37.
- 7 This word is written below 'Svasti śri' in slightly smaller characters.
- \* Svasti Śrī and several other Sanskrit words are engraved in Grantha characters.
- May also be corrected into nam vīṭṭu karumam.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Several inscriptions relate to the provision made for the maintenance of such educational institutions, notable among them being those copied from Ennäyiram in the South Arcot District (No. 333 of 1917 of the Madras Epigraphical collection), Kāvanūr (An. Rep. on S. I. Epigraphy for 1933, Part II, para. 35), etc.

In this connection it may be mentioned that the Paushkara-Samhitā (published at Mēlkōte, Mysore, 1934), one of the three authoritative works of the Pāncharātra school, has a chapter entitled 'Jnāna-pratishthānam', giving rules for the formation of a library in a temple. This reference was brought to my notice by Mr. S. Parthasarathi Ayyangar of the Dēvasthānam Library at Śrīrangam.

- 3 Perumāļtātaņum nam bhaṭṭa[r\*]kaļum śolla-kkēṭṭu **Brahma-tantra-svatantra-**j**Jīy**aṇ¹ eṇṛu nām pēr-kuḍutta Vaishṇavadāsaṇukku nām kuḍuttapaḍi [|\*] Ivaṇukku
  uṇḍāna maṭhamum maṭhattai nōkki
- 4 varum kshētramum samārādhanamum adukku vēņḍum muṭṭukkaļum ivaņ tēḍiṇa postakaṅgaļum idukku vēṇḍum upakaraṇaṅgaļum nam Rāmānujan-darśanam naḍakkaikkāga ivaṇukku
- 5 pinbum ivan niyamitta ivanudaiya śishyargal paramparaiy=āga ivaiyirrai-kkaikkondu nadatti-ppōdakkadavargal=āgavum [|\*] Ivanai nam Rāmānujam-udaiyārum nam samayattil ullārum² kai-
- 6 kkoṇḍu naḍātti-ppōda-chchoṇṇōm [|\*] I-chcheydiyai=kkallilum śembilum veṭṭikkoḷḷumbaḍi
  ivaṇukku nām muḍittapaḍiyum uḍuttapaḍiyum pūśiṇapaḍiyum kuḍuttōm •
  Ippaḍikku-
- 7 ttiruväy-malarnd=arulinapadikku köyil-kkanakku Pērarulāļapriyan eluttu 6. I-ttirumugam eludina Śakābdam āyirattu iru-nūrru enbattu-irand=āvadu 6.

#### TRANSLATION.

This is according to the sacred order.

Hail! Prosperity!

This is the order of the glorious Lord of Hastigiri, the god of gods, which is red with the brilliance of the gems in the diadems of the (supplicating) lords of the celestials and of the Asuras:

"In the month of Mēsha of the (cyclic) year Vikārin, on a Friday with prathamā-tithi of the first fortnight and Aśvati-nakhshatra, while We, in company with Our consorts, were listening to the songs of Śaṭhakōpa, seated on the throne (named) Vīravallāļan under the canopy (called) Ariyenavallān in the abhishēka-mandapa (of the temple)—

on the representation (made) by Perumāltātan, who supervises the (sacred) business of Our temple (nam vīḍu), and by Our Bhaṭṭas, We were pleased to assign to a Vaishnavadāsa on whom we had bestowed the name of Brahma-tantra-svatantra-Jīyan, the maṭha which had been set apart for him, the lands belonging thereto, the worship to be conducted therein and the expenses therefor, the books which he had accumulated and the accessories required for them (i.e., their maintenance), so that he may propagate Our Rāmānuja-darśanam, and after him, the disciples selected by him may, in succession, take possession of these and continue (the work).

We directed that the followers of Rāmānuja (Rāmānujam-uḍaiyār) and those of our Vaishnava samayam shall accept him (i.e., his pontificate) and carry on (the work).

We also ordered that this information be engraved on stone and copper, and We presented him (in token of Our regard) what had been used (as garlands), what had been worn (as clothes), and what had been anointed (as unguents) by Us."

As thus graciously commanded (by the god), this is the writing (or signature) of the temple-accountant Pēraruļāļapriyaņ.

The Saka year in which this sacred order was written (engraved) is One thousand two hundred and eighty-two.

<sup>1</sup> Read -svatantra-Jiyan.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Engraved below the line.

### No. 35.—KASYAPA IMAGE INSCRIPTION FROM SILAO.

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It was early in the year 1935 that the late Babu Puran Chand Nahar of Calcutta, a well-known Jain antiquarian, kindly placed at my disposal a couple of inked estampages of the sub-joined inscription for decipherment and publication. He informed me that the inscription appears on a stone pedestal which is in the possession of Babu Bhagwan Das of Silao<sup>1</sup> in the Bihar subdivision of the Patna District. This gentleman, I understand, owns a collection of antiquities. He could not tell the exact provenance of the present piece, as the collection had existed in the family from before his time and is apparently not properly enlisted. Considering, however, that Silao is situated between the famous archæological sites of Nālandā and Rājagriha, it is probable that the find hailed from one of these two places. But, as will be shown below, it is more likely that the piece belonged to Silao itself.

From the estampages supplied by Babu Puran Chand, I could read a considerable part of the epigraph. For its complete decipherment, however, an examination of the original or, at least, a set of better impressions was essential. During the summer of that very year, I had occasion to visit Silao, but unfortunately I then missed Babu Bhagwan Das there. Consequently I had to go disappointed without seeing either his collection or the inscribed pedestal in question.

About two years later, Mr. J. K. Roy, the then Custodian of Nalanda Museum and Monuments, at my request, got a fresh set of impressions prepared, which he kindly sent to me along with his description of the sculptured piece. In December 1939, Mr. Amalananda Ghosh, Assistant Superintendent, Archæological Survey, Central Circle, Patna, further obliged me by furnishing me with two photographs of the damaged sculpture and three impressions, on thin paper, of its inscription. The new material enabled me to read the inscription almost entirely.

As may be seen from the accompanying photographic reproduction, the pedestal is elliptical in shape and has, in its centre, a remnant of the kneeling statue, carved in the round, which once surmounted it. The pedestal stands 9" high, and measures 20" at its longest and 14½" at its broadest. The extant portion of the figure shows that it represented a person seated in the attitude that is technically called ālīdhāsana. The symmetrical lines seen on its right leg suggest folds of the dhōtī or the lower garment. Further, the pedestal has, at its bottom, a tenon, about 6" long and 4" wide, which shows that the present sculpture was placed on a larger pedestal by the side of some other statue or statues. This is borne out also by the posture of the present image, as judged from its surviving portion. The posture recalls to one's mind certain representations of Garuda, Vishnu's vāhana, depicted as offering worship with folded hands or waiting on his master. In the present instance, however, the figure represented, as is disclosed by the inscription, not Garacla but Kāśyapa who, as will presently be shown, was a famous disciple of the Buduha. We may thus conclude that the present image, representing Kāśyapa in worshipful attitude, was originally installed next to the statue of his teacher, Gautama Buddha, in a shrine or a sanctuary somewhere near the modern village of Silao.

The pedestal is partitioned into two by an inward curve. The inscription runs along the upper band and consists of three lines, each measuring about 21" in length. It is

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Silao is a railway station on the Bukhtiarpur-Behar Light Railway section of East Indian Railway.

<sup>?</sup> See below p. 331.

slightly weather-worn, especially on the right-hand extremity where a few letters in the first line I have not been able to make out. Again, due to erosion, parts of letters and signs of superscript  $r\bar{e}pha$  have, at certain places, been rendered obscure. In most cases, however, they can be made out from the moulds on the back of an estampage. The average size of the letters is  $\frac{8}{8}$ ".

The characters belong to the northern class of alphabets. Kielhorn described this type as "the Magadha variety of the Nāgarī alphabet", while some other scholars more appropriately call it "the Eastern variety of Nāgarī". The script of the present record bears a close resemblance to that used in the Ghōsrāwā inscription of the time of the Pāla king Dēvapāladēva who reigned from c. A.D. 801 to c. A.D. 8404. In view of this consideration, the present inscription, which neither bears a date nor mentions any ruler's name, may be placed in the first half of the ninth century A.D.

The language of the record is Sanskrit and its composition is entirely in verse, all the three stanzas forming but one sentence. The following points are worthy of note in respect of crthography, a consonant followed by a r is very often reduplicated, s is used for s in yas=cha, l. 2 and gītas=cha, l. 3, and v is used for b in Vauddha, l. 3. The sign of aragraha appears twice. Grammatically, the form amit-ardhau, l. 1, is wrong. As an adjective of kulē, it ought to be amit-ardhine. Similarly the use of the feminine gender in the word ādi in svīya samhāṭik-ādīr, l. 3, is incorrect. In a compound like the present one, it should ordinarily be treated in the neuter gender. The exact sense of the expression yānti draidham, l. 2, in the given context is not clear to me, though I have rendered it as 'vie with one another's. Of lexicographical interest are the terms purasa, l. 2, and samhāṭikā, l. 3. The former in all probability is meant to be an equivalent of puraṭa which is equally of rare occurrence and means 'gold'. The latter appears here as a synonym of samghāṭikā or samghāṭikā which is peculiar to Buddhist terminology a::d denotes 'one of the three robes of a monk' (tri-chīvara).

As regards contents, the inscription is virtually a label to the image which once surmounted the pedestal, giving in a compendious form a laudatory account of the deity represented. The deity or the deified personage, as is disclosed by the inscription, was Kāśyapa.

This Kāśyapa is no other than the Buddha's favourite disciple Kāśyapa or Mahā-Kāśyapa who is reputed to have convened the First Buddhist Council at Rājagriha three months after the parinirvāṇa of the Master. Even during the Buddha's lifetime Kāśyapa had become a foremost Arhat. It is perhaps on account of his playing such a preminent part in preserving and expounding the Lord's teachings that he has been accorded such an exalted rank as to be deified. In the Mahāyāna Buddhist iconography he has been confused with a previous Biddha, called Kāśyapa. There he figures as the sixth Mānushi-Buddha of the group of seven. There is hardly any Buddhistic treatise wherein some

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Above, Vol. IV, p. 244.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Compare, for instance, the late Mr. N. G. Majumdar's remarks in Monographs of the Varendra Research Society No. 1 (Nālandā copper-plate of Dēvapāladēva), p. 2.

<sup>3</sup> Ind. Ant., Vol XVII, pp. 307 ff. and plate.

<sup>4</sup> H. C. Ray, Dynastic History of Northern India, Vol. I, p. 379.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See below p 334, n. 1.

Childers, Dictionary of the Pali Language, under the word samphati.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Jean Przyluski, Le Concile de Rajagrha, pp. 8, 30, etc.; R. C. Majumdar Buddhist Councils in Buddhistic Studies edited by B. C. Law, pp. 26 ff.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Alice Getty, Gods of Northern Buddhism p. 15; Benoytosh Bhattacharyya, Indian Buddhist Leonography, p. 10.

account of Kāśyapa may not be met with. We have, however, certain references in literature, which are of great value to us inasmuch as they not only bear out the information imparted by our inscription but also supplement it. It will, therefore, be interesting to cite them here.

The events narrated in the inscription evidently follow the order of their sequence. It may further be observed that each of the nine attributive clauses refers to one distinct happening connected with Kāśyapa's life. To sum up the whole, Kāśyapa (1) occupied the position of Surapati for seven times successively in some of his former births, (2) was born on this earth in a wealthy family, (3)<sup>1</sup>?, (4) renounced the world, forsaking his wife Kāpilēyā, (5) showed sympathy with the wretched, so much so that it excited the admiration of the gods, (6) worshipped the Lord with intense piety, (7) received the Lord's robe at the time of the latter's nirvāṇa, (8) expounded the Law² and finally (9) attained nirvāṇa on the mount Gurupāda.

In literature, it is the later Pāli works like various Atthakathās that furnish us with a somewhat detailed narrative of Kāśyapa's 3 early life, which may be summarised as follows: "His boyhood's name was Pippali Māṇavaka". He was born to a wealthy Brāhmaṇa of the Kapila gotra at the village of Mahatittha (Mahatirtha) in Magadha. From the very beginning he was averse to worldly life. He would look after his parents so long as they lived and afterwards turn a monk. But when he came of age, his parents exhorted him to marry. He refused to do so. However, when his mother persistently remonstrated with him on this point, he devised means by which, he thought, he would have his way and, at the same time, would not incur his mother's displeasure. He got an image of a young lady of supernatural beauty fashioned of pure gold, bedecked with glittering jewels and daintily clad in red. He presented the image to his mother, declaring that if he were to have a bride of that form, he would fain go in for wedlock. He had fancied that neither would such a paragon of beauty be forthcoming, nor would he marry. This, however, did not dishearten his mother. She rather imagined that her son was very fortunate and that he must have done meritorious deeds in his former births, not alone but in company with a lady of golden hue (surarna-varnā). She, therefore, at once called in a council of eight Brāhmaṇas, handed over the gold idol to them and charged them with the duty of finding out a damsel of the requisite beauty to be the bride of her son. The Brahmanas mounted the idol on a chariot and set out on their mission. They travelled far and wide until at last they reached the city of Sagala4 in the Madra dēśa, where they found a girl who in grace and charm far excelled the gold image, not to speak of resembling

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Owing to the portion left unread here, it is not clear what event was described in this sentence.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>This obviously adverts to the occasion of the First Buddhist Council which was held at Rājagṛiha, convened and presided over by Kāśyapa.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> It will be clear from Dr. G. P. Malalasekera's Dictionary of Pāli Proper Names that the Buddh'st literature knows of numerous personages bearing the name Kāśyapa or Mahā-Kāśyapa. A fairly exhaustive description of the Kāśyapa of our record is given in that work under Mahā Kassapa Thera (Vol. II. pp. 476-483), which winds up with the remark that "Mahā Kassapa was so called to distinguish him from other Kassapas, and also because he was possessed of great virtues".

<sup>\*</sup>Sāgala or Sākala has been identified with Sialkot in the Punjab. See Cunningham's Ancient Geography of India, edited by S. Majumdar Sastri (1924), pp. 686 f.; N. L. Dey, Geographical Dictionary of Ancient and Mediaeval India, pp. 173 f.; B. C. Law, Geography of Early Buddhism, pp. 53 t. The country of the Madras lay between the Ravi and the Chinab; see N. L. Dey, op. cit. p. 116.

it. She was Bhadrā Kāpilāyanī, daughter of an equally well-to-do Brāhmaṇa of the Kauśika gōtra. She shared the propensities of Pippalī Māṇavaka, like him not caring for connubial felicity. Finally, however, their marriage was settled in spite of them. They married, but did not lead a married life. An opportunity offered itself and they forsook each other, renounced all and turned ascetics.

"Pippalī Māṇavaka, with a single robe on and a bowl in hand, left home in quest of the Buddha. He saw the Lord seated under a bōdhi tree called Bahuputraka somewhere between Rājagṛiha and Nālandā. It was there that he received his ordination (upasampadā) from the Lord. Later on Pippalī Māṇavaka, now Kāśyapa, presented his silken saṃghāṭī to the Master and accepted with alacrity from the latter his coarse and threadbare robe in exchange. So ardent was Kāśyapa's faith that he attained the position of an Arhat only a week after his ordination."

Aśvaghōsha has also left us a brief sketch of Kāśyapa.<sup>3</sup> Therein Kāśyapa is said to be Rāj-ādi-gēh-ākhya-dēśī which compound Cowell translates as 'an inhabitant of Rājagēha'.<sup>4</sup> We have just learnt from the Aṭṭhakathās that Kāśyapa hailed from a village called Mahātittha in Magadha. In the light of this information we may explain the above expression more precisely as 'an inhabitant of the country named Rājagēha'. We know that Rājagṛiha was then the capital of Magadha. And in the present instance the country is denoted simply by the name of its capital, which practice has not been uncommon.<sup>5</sup> In this way Aśvaghōsha's statement on the point of Kāśyapa's native land is not at variance with the information contained in the Aṭṭha-kathās. Again, according to Aśvaghōsha's description, Kāśyapa had performed six years' hard penance before he met the Master.

Aśvaghōsha does not allude to Kāśyapa's marriage with Bhadrā Kāpilāyanī, which event is, however, confirmed by references in certain stories of the Buddha's former births. Thus in the Asūtamanta Jātaka,6 the Lord identifies the characters of that story in the following manner: "Kāpilānī was the mother of those days, Mahā-Kassapa was the father, Ānanda the pupil, and I myself the teacher". Similarly in the Hatthipāla Jātaka, the chaplain was Kassapa and his wife was Bhaddakāpilānī. Again, in the Sāma Jātaka, the father was Kassapa and the mother Bhaddakāpilānī.

दिज: काश्यपाख्यी धने यचराजी गुरुवेंदविद्यास राजादिगेहाखदेशी

सुचित्त: (सुवित्त: ?) पटं चैकवास्यं समाधाय सर्वान् विहायागमचापसे(०सं ?) बीधिमीटसु:।

यदा बीधिवचात्रितीऽसौ कुमारलप: प्राचरहुकारं तत् षडच्दं महात्या

तताऽवाह बीधि मनीन्द्रं समर्था(समर्था)भवत्काश्यपाऽसौ यतीशोऽर्हतामग्राक्य:॥

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The name Kāpilāyanī (or Kāpilānī or Kāpilēyā as we shall have it later) is apparently derived from Kapila, which, as we know from the Apadāna (P. T. S. edition, p. 583, verse 57), was Bhadrā's father's name. The same source gives her mother's name as Suchīmatī. A detailed account of her also is found in Dr. G. P. Malalasekera's Dictionary of Pāli Proper Names under Bhaddā Kāpilānī Therī (Vol. II, pp. 354-55).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This summary is extracted from an account of Kaāsyapa-saħnyāsa, which is given by Mahāpaṇḍita Tripitakāchārya Rāhula Sāmkrityāyana in his Buddhacharyyā (Hindi), pp. 41 ff., and which in its turn is based upon the following works: Theragāthā Aṭṭhakathā 30; Saṃyu.ta-Nikāya Aṭṭhakathā, 15, 1, 11; Aṇquttara-Nikāya Aṭṭhakathā 1. 1. 4.

<sup>\*</sup>E. B. Cowell's edition of Aśvaghōsha's Buddhacharita, XVII, 12:

Sacred Books of the East, Vol. XLIX, part i, p. 193 f.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Compare such cases as Avanti and Kānchi.

V. Fausboll's edition of The Jataka, No. 61.

<sup>7</sup> Translation of The Jataka, Vol. I, p. 150.

<sup>\*</sup> The Jataka, No. 509. Translation, Vol. IV, p. 304.

<sup>•</sup> The Jataka, No. 540. Translation, Vol. VI, p. 52.

It may at once be recognised that Kāpilānī and Bhaddakāpilānī of the Jātakas and the Aṭṭhakathās, and Kāpilēyā of the present inscription are but variants of one and the same name and refer likewise to one and the same person, namely Kāsyapa's wife.

It may parenthetically be pointed out that according to the Atthakuthās it was, as noted above, somewhere between Rājagiiha and Nālandā that Kāśyapa's first meeting with the Lord took place. That position almost corresponds to the modern village of Silao. May we then suppose that the statue of Kāśyapa was set up there in order to sanctify the spot and thereby to commemorate the first meeting? In that case, the find-spot of the inscribed pedestal under discussion, as has already been hinted, must be Silao.

Now if we compare the above descriptions with the account given in our inscription, we shall find that most of the details do agree. There are, however, certain points which it has not been possible for me to corroborate by literary references. In the first place, Kāśyapa is stated to have acted as Indra for seven terms on end. He must have attained such a distinction as a reward for highly meritorious deeds on his part; but I have not been able to find any mention of this fact in literature. We are told that Gautama Buddha himself was Sakra in twenty of his antecedent births, that there is a Śakra in every chakravāla and that the office of Śakra, which is in fact the sovereignty of the Tāvatimsa angels, is held only for a limited period by the same individual. It is said of Kāśyapa that 'he bestowed his favours only on the poor', which sentiment is echoed in dīn-ānāth-ānugata-manasah of our inscription, l. 2.

We further learn from the inscription that the Buddha, while entering nirvana, gave away his samghāļī and other things to Kāśyapa. I could not find this event related in any of the Buddhist canonical works. All that we know in this connection is this, as we have noticed above, that the Lord and Kāśyapa exchanged their sanighātīs shortly after their first meeting. However, the information from the Chinese sources in this regard is in perfect agreement with the account of our inscription. According to that, Tahtagata, on the point of attaining niriana, addressed Kāsyapa and said inter alia: "The golden-tissued Kashāga robe given me by my foster-mother I bid you keep and deliver to Maitreya when he has completed the condition of Buddha."3

Finally we come to the nirrana of Kāśyapa himself, which is stated to have taken place on the mount Gurupāda. Here, too, the Chinese record is in full concord. In the Diryaradanamālā,5 the name of the mountain is given as Gurupādaka, while elsewhere it is also called Kukkuṭapāda.6 The identification of this hill had long been a subject of keen controversy among such eminent scholars as Cunningham, Beal and Stein until at last the late Mr. R. D. Banerji brought the issue to a successful close by offering a thoroughly satisfactory solution. Cunningham contended that three bare and rugged hills in the vicinity of Kurkihar, 16 miles to the east of Gaya, represent the Kukkutapadagiri, taking the name Kurkihar to be a contraction of Kukkuta-vihāra or Kukkutapāna-vihāra and, at the same time, presuming a connection between this last and the Kukkutapāda-giri.7 Beal had his objections to this identification, for, to him

<sup>1</sup> See R. C. Childers' Dictionary of the Pali Language under the word SAKKO (Sakra), p. 419.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> G. P. Malalasekera, Dictionary of Päli Proper Names, Vol. II, p. 481.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>S. Beal, Si-Yu-Ki (Buddhist Records of the Western World), Vol. II. 143. The Tibetan version records that Mahakasyapa 'changed the garments which enshrouded the Blessed one for others from his store'. W. W. Rockhill. Life of the Buddha, p. 144.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Ibid., p. 242.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Cowell's edition, p. 61; and Rajendralala Mitra, The Sanskrit Buddhist Literature of Nepal, p. 308

<sup>6</sup> Beal, op. cit. p. 142; Beal, Travels of Fah-Hian and Sung-Yun, p. 132; H. Kern, Manual of Indian Buddhism, p. 89; Rockhill, Life of the Buddha, p. 161.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Reports A. S. I., Vol. I, pp. 14-16, Vol. XV, pp. 4-6.

the location did not agree with the accounts of the Chinese travellers. Moreover, he has emphatically pointed out that the Kukkutārāma or Kukkuta-vihāra must not be confounded with the Kukkutapāda-giri.1 Stein had occasion to visit this part of the country in the winter of 1899, and, with a view to arriving at a definite opinion regarding the identification, he made a thorough survey. After a close examination he came to the conclusion that the Kukkuṭapādagiri or Gurupāda-giri is represented by the Söbhnāth hill, a part of the Maher hill, in the district of Gayā.2 Stein's identification met Beal's objections to some extent, but was not totally convincing. Finally Banerji investigated the matter further, and conclusively proved that the modern representative of the Gurupāda-giri is to be found in the Gurpā hill in the district of Gayā.3 This identification is warranted not only by the name Gurpā being phonetically a corrupt form of the Gurupāda itself, but also because it satisfies all other considerations, as detailed by the author.4 Nevertheless, some scholars even now, knowingly or unknowingly, adhere to Cunningham's discarded identification of the Kukkuṭapāda mountain with Kurkihār.3

Judging from the description of the pedestal as well as from the nature of the inscription on it, the statue of Kāśyapa in question must have been one of considerable artistic merit, typifying the art of the Pala period. It is greatly to be regretted that the major portion of the statue itself is not forthcoming. It would have been a unique specimen inasmuch as the known sculptural representations of Kāśyapa are few. In fact, so far as I know, we do not have a single entire piece of this kind. At Bishanpur in the Gayă district, Beglar noticed one image of Kāśyapa. "On a small bas-relief", so runs his description, "representing a figure seated cross-legged in Buddha fashion is inscribed Ye Dharmma Rāsi Maha Kasyapa (sic.); this statue is clearly therefore one, of the venerable president of the first synod, and is the only one I have seen or heard of, of one of Buddha's disciples.6" The present whereabouts of this statue are not known. Even in 1899, when Stein visited Bishanpur, he found it missing, for he writes: "I was, however, unable to trace the small bas-relief, which is mentioned by Mr. Beglar as bearing a short inscription with the name of Mahākāśyapa.7" It may in passing be pointed out that plastic representations even of the Kāśyapa Buddha, who, as has been shown above, is sometimes mixed up with the Mahā-Kāśyapa, are equally rare. The Curzon Museum of Archæology at Muttra has recently acquired an image of the Kāśyapa Buddha, carved in the round, standing on an inscribed pedestal; but the upper half of it is missing. It belongs to the Kushana period. The preserved part, from the girdle downwards, shows it wearing a dhōtī, a mēkhalā and a scarf.8

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See his Travels of Fah-Hian and Sung-Yun, p. 132 n.; Ind. Ant., Vol. XII, p. 327 f., and his Si-Yu-Ki (Buddhist Records of the Western World), Vol. II, p. 95 and n. 32, p. 142 and n. 14.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Ind. Ant., Vol. XXX, p. 88.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> J.A.S.B., Vol. II (1902), pp. 77-83.

<sup>4</sup> With regard to the identification of the Gurupada-giri, the reader is also referred to Cunnigham's Ancient Geography of India, edited by S. Majumdar Sastri (1924), pp. 526 ff. and pp. 720 f.; and to N. L. Dey's Geographical Dictionary of Ancient and Mediæval India, under Gurupada-giri, Kukktapada-giri, Gurpa-Hill, Kurkihar and Sobhnäth Hill.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See for instance B. C. Law's Rajagriha in Ancient Literature (Memoirs of the A. S. I., No. 58), p. 17.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Cunningham's Reports A. S. I., Vol. VII. p. 105.

<sup>7</sup> Ind. Ant., Vol. XXX, p. 90.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> The image is fully described and the inscription is edited by Mr. V. S. Agrawala in the Journal of the United Provinces Historical Society, December 1937, pp. 35-38 with Plates; and in the Annual Report on the Curzon Museum of Archeeology, Muttra, for the year ending 31st March 1938, pp. 2, 6, 9, with Plate.

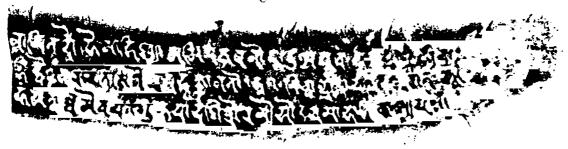
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## KASYAPA IMAGE INSCRIPTION FROM SILAO.

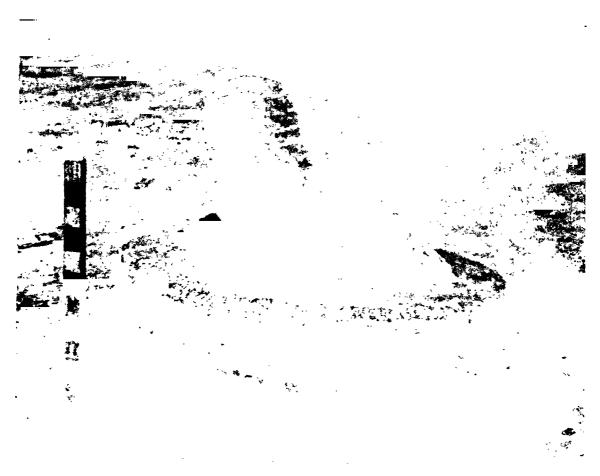




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SCALE ABOUT ONE-HALF.



Hiuen Tsiang, the celebrated Chinese pilgrim, informs us of the existence of an image of the Kāśyapa Buddha enshrined in a vihāra to the north-west of the Bodhi tree at Bodh-Gaya. "It is noted for its miraculous and sacred qualities. From time to time it emits a glorious light.'" There is presumably a reference to this representation of Kāśyapa in the Bodh-Gayā inscription of Mahānāman, wherein homage is paid, in the beginning<sup>2</sup>, first to Śākvaikabandhu (i.e. Gautama Buddha) and then to Mahā-Kāśvapa, assuming that Hiuen Tsiang, too, meant 'an image of Mahā-Kā-yapa' when he said 'an image of the Kāśvapa Buddha'. Among the ruins at Bödh-Gava, Cunningham has identified the remains of the aforesaid vihāra, while the image is not to be found at all.

There are, however, a good few sculptures which represent the group of seven or eight. Mortal Buddhas, wherein the Kāśyapa Buddha figures as the sixth. In the Indian Museum at Calcutta we have a stone pillar from Bharaut, depicting his distinguishing bodhi tree, which is nyaqrodha (Ficus Indica).

Here I may gratefully record that to Dr. N. P. Chakravarti I owe some useful references and suggestions, especially with regard to the identity of Kasyapa.

[ Metres: vv. 1.2 Mandākrāntā; v. 3 Anuskļubh.]

- 1 सिडम<sup>8</sup> [1\*] निर्व्विच्छेदं सुर्पतिरभूताप्त वारान्<sup>9</sup> पुरा य: प्राप्तं सर्वे<sup>10</sup> सुमहति कले जन्म येनामितडों । हेमाभिखामितजवनो प्रावाजीदाः
- विहाय ॥[१॥\*] दीनानायानुगतमनसी यस्य 2 प्रसवपधं कापिलेयां यान्ति है धं भगवति जिने यस्च(य) भक्त्या नतोऽभृत् । निर्व्यान्प्रादादिप च सगत: स्वी-
- यसंज्ञाटिकादीर् यसी वी(बी) इप्रवचनविदा येन गीतस्च(श्व) धर्माः ॥[२॥\*] निर्वतः स्वमिष्ठाय देहं सत्वा(च्वा)र्घमेव यः । गुरुपादे गिरौ रम्थे 12 काध्यपः ॥ ३॥\*]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Beal's Si-Yu-Ki, Vol. II, p. 124.

<sup>\*</sup> Fleet's Gupta Inscriptions (C. I. I., Vol. III), pp. 276 f.

<sup>3</sup> Cunningham, Mahābodhi, p. 36.

<sup>4</sup> These are: Vipaśyin, Sikhi, Viśvabhū, Krakuchchhanda, Kanakamuni, Kāśyapa, Śākyasimha and Maitrêya. The last one does not usually appear in this group. B. Bhattacharyya, Indian Buddhist Iconography, p. 10.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid. and J. Ph. Vogel, Catalogue of the Archwological Museum at Mathura, I, 7 and I. 37, and pp. 135 and 139

Lüders, List of Brahmi Inscriptions, No. 760.

From inked estampages.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Expressed by a symbol. This may also indicate siddhir-astu. The same symbol is explained to represent om which would be less appropriate in a Buddhistic record like the present one. The various interpretation of this sign is discussed above, Vol. XVII, p. 352.

This sign cannot but be a mute n, though it looks more like a final r as found in  $-\bar{a}d\bar{i}r$  in 1. 3 below.

<sup>10</sup> The superscript r here is not well marked.

<sup>11</sup> The grammatically correct form should be amit-arddhini, unless the word kula, which it qualifies, be taken here to be in the masculine gender.

<sup>12</sup> This adverbial clause Gurupādē girau ramyē apparently goes with the following words sō='yam= abhati Kasyapah, but in reality it is connected with the preceding portion nirvitah, etc.

### TRANSLATION.

### Success!

- (V.1) Who had formerly remained the Lord of Gods for seven terms without intermission; who attained birth in a highly noble and immensely prosperous family of mortals; who, being possessed of unbounded speed, ............. the brilliancy of gold; who turned a recluse, forsaking (his wife) Kāpilēyā of golden form;
- (V.2) Other deities in paying reverence to **whom—his** heart going out to the distressed and the desolate—vie with one another<sup>1</sup>; and **who** revered Lord Jina (the Buddha) with devotion; and further, on **whom** Sugata (the Buddha), while entering nirvāṇa. bestowed his samhāṭikā and the rest; and **who**, being an exponent of the Buddhist doctrines, expounded the Law;
- (V.3) Who, after having assumed his (human) form solely for the sake of (delivering the mortal) beings, entered nirvāņa on the charming hill of Gurupāda; the very same Kāśyapa shines forth here.

# No. 36.—A BRONZE IMAGE INSCRIPTION FROM NALANDA.

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The following inscription is engraved on the back of a bronze image of Balarāma. excavated in 1917-18 out of the northern verandah of Monastery Site No. 1 at **Nālandā**. The image is now in the Archæological Museum at Nālandā and bears the register number S. 1-442.

The characters of the inscription belong to the eastern variety and may be ascribed to the ninth century A.D.; they have much similarity with those of the Nālandā copper-plate of Dēvapāla.<sup>2</sup> In fact, the inscription may well belong to the reign of the Pāla king Dēvapāla (c. A.D. 815-854), who is mentioned in the text of the inscription. As is common in the inscriptions of this age, the medial  $\bar{e}$  is written both as a superscript oblique line and as a short stroke attached to the left limb of the respective letter. The medial  $\bar{e}$  is denoted by a combination of both these signs. There are some obvious grammatical and orthographical mistakes in the inscription.

The inscription records the dedication of the image at Nālandā in the Dēvapāladēvahatļu, or 'the mart of Dēvapāladēva', by Nisingha(?)kā, the wife (?) of Sōujjōka. There is epigraphic evidence of the existence of other hatļus at Nālandā; for example, the inscription on a stone image of Avalōkitēśvara, now housed in the modern Sūrya temple at Bargāon near the excavated site of Nālandā, contains a reference to a tala-hatļa, the meaning of which is not clear.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This rendering may now be accepted as exact. After I had prepared this essay, I chanced to read a passage, in a similar context, in Mahā Kassapa's account given by Dr. G. P. Malalasekera in his Dictionary of Pāh Proper Names (Vol. II, p. 481), which has confirmed the above explanation. The passage in question reads: 'Owing to his great saintliness, even the gols yield with each other to give alms to Kassapa.''

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Above, Vol. XVII, p. 310.

³ The inscription, which is still unpublished, seems to read as follows:—siddham (expressed by a symbol) \$\frac{\pi}{\epsilon}\cdot \alpha \al

The inscription shows that a hatta was founded at Nālandā by Dēvapāla, or, at any rate, was named after him. The connexions of Dēvapāla with Nālandā are attested to by other inscriptions as well. Thus, the Nālandā copper-plate referred to above records the munificence of that king in favour of Nālandā at the request of the mahārāja Bālaputradēva of Suvarṇadvīpa (Sumatra). Further, the Ghosrāwān¹ inscription acquaints us with the fact that Dēvapāla appointed a monk named Vīradēva to look after Nālandā.

Another word in the inscription worthy of notice is Malapōrasya, occurring at the beginning of the second line; neither its meaning nor its proper position in the syntax is clear. It is interesting to note, however, that a similar word Mallapōrasya occurs in a dedicatory inscription on a bronze image found at Kurkihār (District Gayā), also belonging to the reign of Dēvapāla.<sup>2</sup> It is tempting no doubt to regard the word as an incorrect derivative of Mallapura, and to take it to mean 'a resident of Mallapura'.<sup>3</sup> But this meaning is hardly possible in the Kurkihār inscription, though it may suit the present record.

### TEXT.

- 1 Siddham<sup>4</sup> śrī-Nālandāya śri-Dēvapāladēva-haṭṭē
- 2 Malapõrasya Šõujjēkasya<sup>5</sup> vadū(dhū?)-Nisingha(?)-
- 3 kāya dēva-dharmmaya pratīpādīttaķ 6 ||

# No. 37.—A NOTE ON THE PANCHADHARALA PILLAR INSCRIPTION OF KING VISVESVARA.

### By M. Somasekhara Sarma, Waltair

In Epigraphia Indica, Vol. XIX, pp. 164 ff., the Dharmalingēśvara temple inscription at Pañchadhārala was ably edited by Dr. J. Nobel of the Berlin University. This inscription belongs to the Eastern Chāļukya king Viśvēśvara, who ruled the territory around Pañchadhārala in the Yellamanchili taluk of the Vizagapatam District. Vinnakōṭa Peddana was his court-poet. He dedicated his Kāvyālankāra-chūḍāmaṇi, a poetical work on rhetoric in Telugu, to his patron. Both the date of king Viśvēśvara and the date of composition of the Kāvyālankāra-chūḍāmaṇi had not been known definitely, so far. The inscription under discussion settles these dates satisfactorily.

The inscription records the construction of a mandapa in the Dharmalingeśvara temple at Panchadhārāpurī in Śaka 1329 (Śākābdē Nava-Bhānu-Rāma-Śasi-sankhyātē) or A. D. 1407,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Maitra, Gaudalekhamala, p. 45.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> This image, along with the other antiquities found at Kurkihār, is now in the Patna Museum. The full meaning of the inscription is not clear, but the relevant portion may be quoted here:—śri-Dévapūladēta-rājyē samvat 19......malla-chchhandakum Mallapōrasya pratipāditah.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Mallapura or Mallapura is given in the St. Petersburg Dictionary, Vol. V, pp. 602-3, as a place-name. Cf. Malla, the name of a well-known tribe.

<sup>4</sup> Expressed by a symbol.

<sup>5</sup> Is the word to be corrected to Sauryyakasya? [The reading seems to be Schajjekasya.-- B C. C.]

<sup>5</sup> Read Nisingha(?)kayā dēya-dharmmō='yain pratipāditah.

by king Viśvēśvara. As has been pointed out by the editor, there is a covert allusion to the date of a battle fought by Viśvēśvara in the text of the inscription, in the verse quoted below:

Gati-bāhu-śakti-bhū-mitim-api gaņayat-Sarvasidhdhi(ddhi)-patha-bhagnam [

sati Chitrabhanu-sakshini Dharanivarahad-ada(dha)vad-Amdra(dhra)-balam

Dr. Nobel discloses the pun contained in the verse and brings to light the historical fact, namely, that king Viśvēśvara defeated the Andhra army, near Sarvasiddhi, in the cyclic year Chitrabhānu, represented by the Śaka year gati (5), bāhu (2), śakti (3), and bhū (1), i.e., 1325.

An exact Telugu rendering of the above verse is found in canto vii of the Telugu work  $K\bar{a}v$ - $y\bar{o}lank\bar{a}ra$ - $ch\bar{u}d\bar{a}mani$ , without, in any way, spoiling the ślēsha. It is as follows:

Chatur-upāya-bāhu-śakti-ksham-āvali bāraviḍichi Chitrabhānu sākshi bāre Sarvasiddhi-padam-ēdi Dharaṇīvarāhamunakun-ōḍi Rācha-kadupu ||

For the expressions gati and bhū in the Sanskrit verse the words chatur-upāya and kshamā were used respectively in Telugu. These are the only differences that could be found between the Sanskrit verse and the corresponding Telugu verse. The occurrence in Kāvyālankāra-chūḍā-maṇi, of a faithful rendering of the verse occurring in the inscription, leads us to surmise that the composer of the Pañchadhārala inscription night be Vinnakōṭa Peddana. He would not have incorporated in his work the exact Telugu version of the Sanskrit verse, if he were not the composer of the inscription as well. Hence, it may be concluded that the author of the Pañchadhārala inscription could be no other than Peddana, the court-poet of king Viśvēśvara.

The editor of the inscription deserves great praise for discovering the real import of the verse when many Telugu pandits and Sanskrit scholars who printed and edited the  $K\bar{a}vy\bar{a}lank\bar{a}ra\text{-}ch\bar{u}d\bar{a}-mani$  were not able to disclose this fact, just because their outlook was more literary than historical. When, however, the verse in the  $K\bar{a}vy\bar{a}lank\bar{a}ra\text{-}ch\bar{u}d\bar{a}mani$  and the corresponding verse of the Panchadhārala inscription are closely examined, we find that there is a small discrepancy in the date of the battle, arrived at by the editor of the inscription. He has taken gati to represent the numeral 'five'. But, that its value is 'four', is now ascertained by the Telugu verse, wherein the term chatur- $up\bar{a}ya$  denoting the number 'four' was expressly used in the place of gati of the Sanskrit verse. Hence, the date given by Dr. Nobel should be corrected to Saka 1324.

Sankhyārthanāmaprakāšikā written by the erudite scholar, Kanuparti Venkatarāma Śrī-Vidyānandanātha, assigns the value 'four' to the term gati and enumerates four gatis, namely Dēva-gati, Manushya-gati, Jantu-gati and Naraka-gati.

The value given to gati even in epigraphical literature is four as is evidenced by an inscription from Simhachalam, Vizagapatam District. The date of this inscription is given in the Telugu portion as Śaka-varshambulu 1294 and in the Sanskrit portion as 'Śākābdē gati-randhra-Bhānu-gaṇitē' etc. Another inscription' in Telugu from Yenamadala (Guntur District) which gives the date in chronogram 'guṇa-bāṇa-gati-chandra' in verse and in figures in prose, equates gati with four. Thus, we find that gati represents four.

The existence in the Kāvyālankāra-chūdāmaņi of the Telugu version of the verse mentioned above proves, beyond doubt, that this work had been composed after Saka 1324, the date of the battle referred to therein.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> S. I. I., Vol. VI, No. 742.

<sup>\*</sup> S. 1 I., Vol. IV, No. 936,

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[The figures refer to pages; n. after a figure to footnotes and adl to additions. The following other abbreviations are also used:—ca.=capital; ch.=chief; Chron.=Chronicle; ci=city; co.=country; com.=composer; dt.=district; dn.=division: do.=ditto; dy.=dynasty; E.=Eastern; engr.=engraver; ep.=epithet; f.=female; feud.=feudatory; gen.=general; Hist.=Historical; k.=king; l.=locality; l.m.=linear measure or land measure; m.=male; min.=n inister; mo.=mountain; myth.=mythological; n.=name; N.=Northern; off.=office or officer; pr.=prince; q.=queen; rel.=religious; ri.=river; S.=Southern; s.a.=same as; eur.=surname; te.=temple; t.d.=territorial division; tit.=title; tn.=town; tq.=taluq; vi.=village; W.=Western; wk.=work.]

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